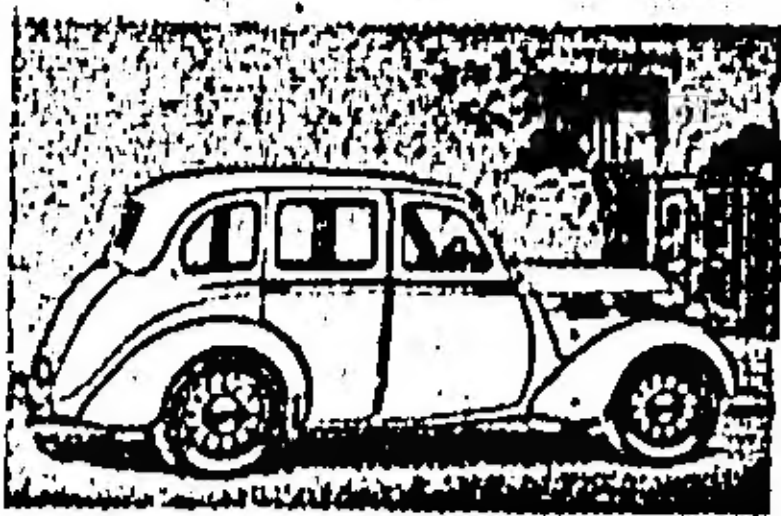


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HITLER ULTIMATUM TO VICHY REPORTED: SITUATION IS ACUTE

LONDON, Feb. 5 (REUTER).—HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO "AFI," THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY.

The Vichy Government is understood to be still trying to play for time to avoid a definite "Yes" or "No," but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

Nazis Lose Planes In Air Raids

Britain Visited &
Convoy Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—German planes were reported over northeast and southeast England, East Midlands and East Anglia to-day. Spitfires shot down a German Heinkel in flames over Margate and the crew was killed.

From Folkestone, it was reported that scores of R.A.F. planes participated in the sweep during the length of which it is assumed they penetrated far inland.

Heavy explosions were heard from the direction of Pas de Calais after which clouds of smoke were visible above the sea haze off the southeast coast. Exploding bombs were heard a considerable distance off the Kent coast.

It is reported that three German bombers were shot down into the sea while attacking a convoy off the southeast coast.

From Dublin, it is officially reported that a German plane crashed in the vicinity of Schull, County Cork and was completely wrecked. Five members of the crew were killed and the sixth member seriously injured.

Few Raiders Reach U.K.
LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Although there has been some enemy air activity over the east and south-east coast to-day, very few enemy aircraft have flown inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent, but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning.

Nazi Plane In Eire

Crash Landing In Bay

DUBLIN, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A German aircraft crashed this morning in County Cork. It is officially announced.

Five of the crew of six were killed, the sixth being badly injured. The plane was completely wrecked.

The plane came in over the bay with smoke pouring from it and crashed. It caught fire on crashing.

Mediterranean Fleet Taunts The Enemy

Battleship of Mediterranean Fleet, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Undeterred by the new threat from the skies, Britain's powerful eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea. Taking up the gauntlet slung down by the Luftwaffe on the decks of the aircraft carrier Illustrious in an epic seven-hour duel last month, Commander-in-Chief Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air challenge has failed to hinder fleet activities. Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the central Mediterranean and light forces along the Libyan coast have maintained uninterrupted operations. Far from shrinking before the aerial

No information on to-day's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming. The Toulouse radio merely said that it was "very important."

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris either during to-night or to-morrow morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio.

NAZI RADIO THREATENS

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting this afternoon to hear Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, German pressure was again applied through the voice of the Stuttgart radio.

BRITISH ASSETS IN AMERICA

Senator Byrne
Refuted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Treasury has notified the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that three large British-owned industrial concerns—Lever Brothers, the American Viscose Corporation and the Dunlop Tyre Company—as well as smaller private holdings, were included in the list of assets which the British Government gave the Administration to show that it would soon outrun its dollar exchange for buying war supplies.

This information was made public in a letter to Senator Byrne which refuted a statement made on Tuesday by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

General Wood said that he did not believe that British interests in such large companies as those mentioned and in cotton plantations and other holdings, were listed.

Greeks Keep Up Pressure

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front. Many prisoners have been captured and great quantities of war material have fallen into Greek hands.

After fierce attacks, the Greeks captured another important height on the Kilsura front.

Opposition To Lend & Lease Bill

More Testimony Given

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Doctor Alan Valentine, President of the Rochester University, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lend and Lease Bill said he was opposed to the measure, and charged the supporters of it with a desire to see the United States enter the war.

He urged the complete rejection of the measure and proposed a substitute which would (1) "further implement the speed of national defence while ensuring the continuance of American tradition, Government and the American way of life; (2) to give financial and material assistance to Britain provided Congress, in each instance, approved of each step in national interests.

Dr. Valentine expressed his hope for a British victory, if it must be a victory, but denied this meant that the paramount interest of the United States is to participate in war.

He charged the proponents of the Bill with "opposing a negotiated peace between England and Germany," and added that the development of the policy that Britain must win "means that America will be involved in the active military efforts of a long war in Europe and probably also Asia."

S.-E. KWANGTUNG OPERATIONS

This map illustrates in detail the location of the latest Japanese drive in southeastern Kwangtung which was preceded by the landing of new troops in the Bias Bay area this week. Latest reports reveal that Tamshui has been captured and Shayuchung in Miao Bay, occupied.



MANY PRISONERS TAKEN IN ERITREA ADVANCE

KHARTOUM, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Some 1,500 prisoners, most of them white, have hitherto been taken by British forces pursuing the Italians retreating towards the Red Sea, south of Eritrea's only railway.

Much material has been abandoned by the enemy.

Italians Retreat On All E. African Fronts

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Urged on by British Imperial troops, Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi.

So far 400 stragglers have been captured says to-day's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique also announces, "In Eritrea, British operations about Keren are developing successfully. Italian forces are retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biscundi and are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war materials, and vehicles. In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

In Abyssinia, the British advance eastwards on the Gondar road is also progressing while in the southern area, South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured.

Three Questions

Mr. Knox asked:—

How much in arrears are the payments of interest to British bondholders secured on Chinese Customs?

Their position in relation to the Chinese Government?

Whether the Inspector General of the Chinese Customs can allocate Customs revenue without interference from the Japanese in occupied areas?

Mr. Butler's written statement said that apart from amount allocated for the upkeep of the Customs establishment, Customs revenue collected in occupied areas is paid into Japanese-controlled banks, none of which is remitted funds to the Inspector General for other purposes.

Consequently the Chinese Government decided from January 18, 1939, to suspend service loans secured on Customs and British bondholders had received no interest since.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A movement to secure 1,000,000 signatures of Japanese who support Wang Ching-wai is under way with a total of 100,000 signatures having already been collected, says the local Japanese press.

League Of Nations Departments

Trying To Carry On

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The work of the Economics and Financial sections of the League of Nations, now in the United States, is proceeding satisfactorily and the International Labour Organization, temporarily domiciled in Canada, is carrying on as far as possible on normal lines.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr. R. A. Butler) told the House of Commons at question time to-day that it was the British Government's desire to make the best practical use of these organizations.

Nazi Coast Bases Shattered By R.A.F. in Latest Aerial Attacks

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—A strong force of R.A.F. bombers protected by layers of scouting fighter planes carried out a daylight sweep of the snowbound coast of France this afternoon.

ITALIAN TARGETS PEPPERED

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. yesterday made repeated raids on Barca, Benina and Italian lines of communication to Benghazi.

Between Maraua and Barca, motor transport was heavily attacked and much damage was caused. The Barca railway station was also raided and three direct hits were registered on the track near the station. Hangars were hit at Barca and a large fire was started at Benina.

The R.A.F. communique from the Middle East announcing these operations says that British fighter

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During the attack, Spitfires patrolled the Channel coast to beat off any attempt at interception. The bombers passed over the cliffs between Dover and Deal in the direction of Calais at an altitude of 5,000 feet in close formation, their wing tips almost touching.

This was the second daylight sweep by the R.A.F. in four days over the territory in which the Germans are preparing for an invasion. The Straits were sunny after a snow shower at dawn.

Flames 200 Feet High

The Air Ministry in a report stated that flames leaped to 200 feet after a persistent R.A.F. attack on Brest last night.

They revealed that the R.A.F. struck at the U-boat and Luftwaffe bases at Bordeaux where another oil store is believed to have been set alight. The attack on Merignac aerodrome, which is a bomber base, lasted over an hour and "was one of the most satisfactory operations of the night."

They claimed direct hits were made on objectives at Dunkirk and that several bursts of fire were seen in the dock areas at Dieppe and Cherbourg.

The Air Ministry admitted the loss of four R.A.F. planes.

The statement added: "Flares were seen to break out at Dusseldorf. A train in the neighbourhood burst into flames when high explosive bombs fell on two nearby rail junctions."

Cherbourg was raided twice. Targets in the docks including the repair yards, were straddled with high explosive bombs."

LATEST

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Further Late News

China Coast Old Hand, Captain Best Dies

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Captain Abel Mardlan Best, whose death at the age of 82 was announced to-day, went to sea for over 60 years. Half of his service was off the China Coast.

Interviewed recently, he described Chinese pirates and dope-smugglers as a "picnic compared with the bulls and bears of Wall Street."

After retirement he speculated on the New York Stock Market and lost his life-savings of nearly US\$50,000. He was not down-hearted and lived at the Royal Alfred Home for aged merchant seamen at Belvedere, Kent.

Born in India, he came to England at the age of two and was sent to sea in the tough old days of 1870. He spent 30 years in the Chinese Customs and skippered cargo boats running from Swatow to Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok, and retired at the age of 73. He went to England in 1932 "after finding that my share of dividends would not buy me a cup of tea a day."

Capt. Best had strong views on the international situation. "If I had my way, I'd treat some of these continental fellows like we used to treat Chinese dope-smugglers—hang 'em," he said.

Waterfront Favourite

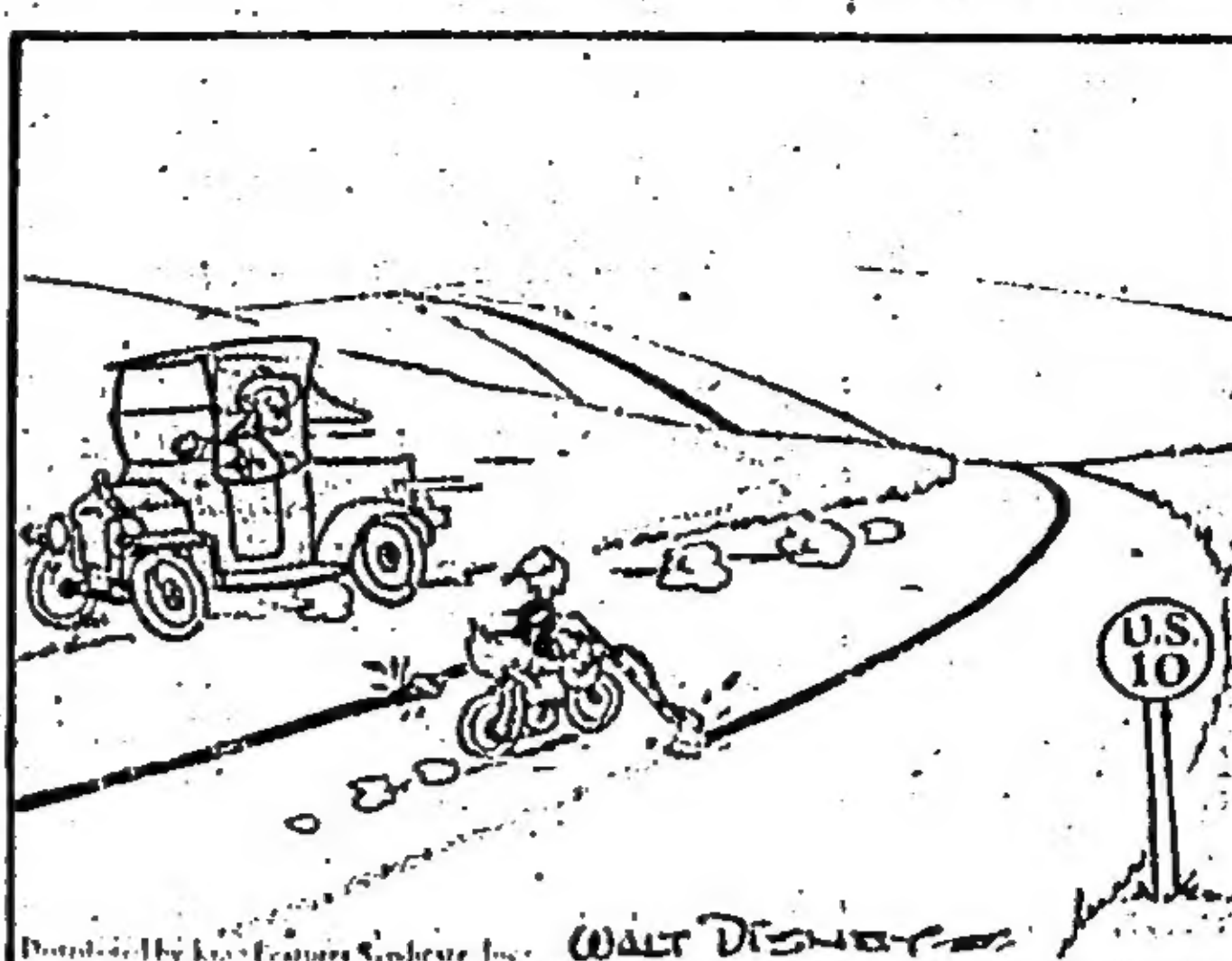
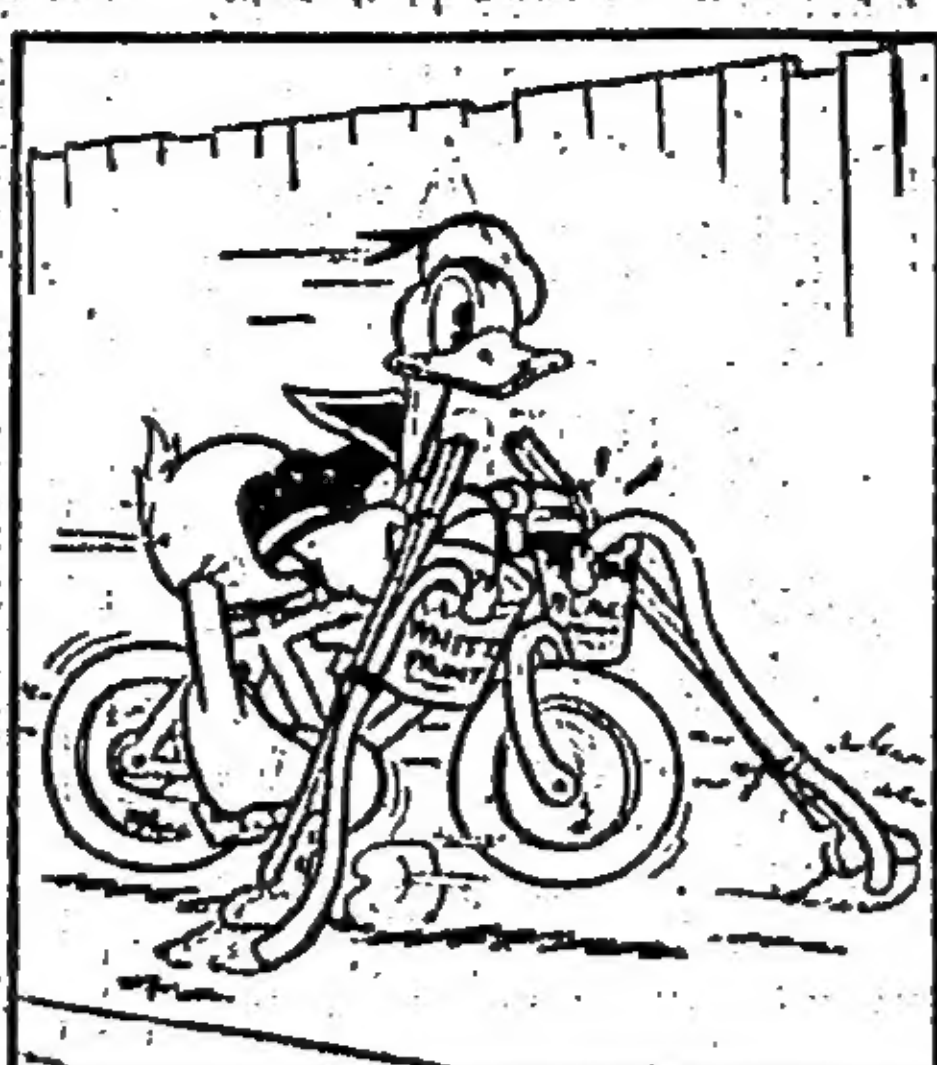
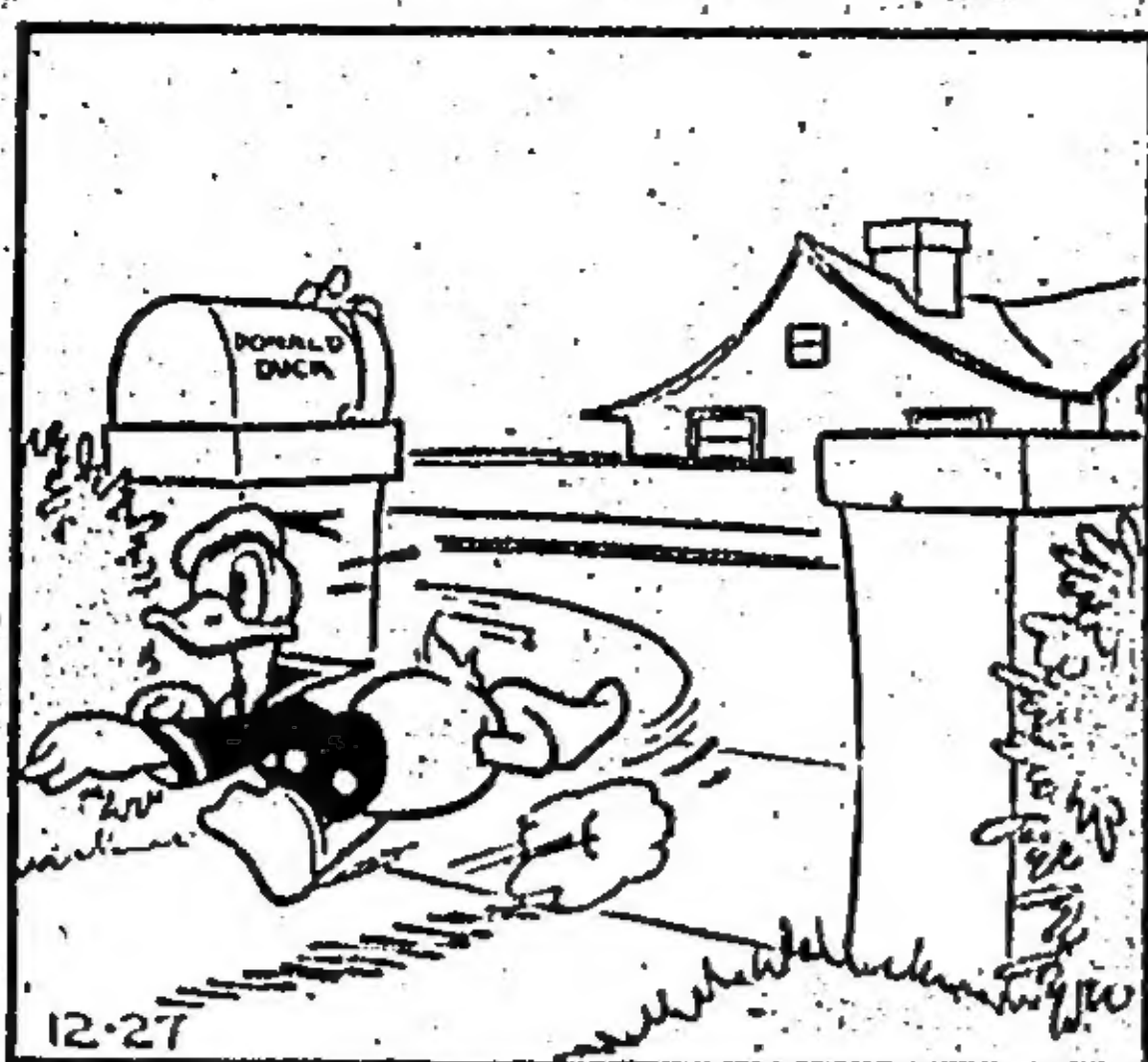
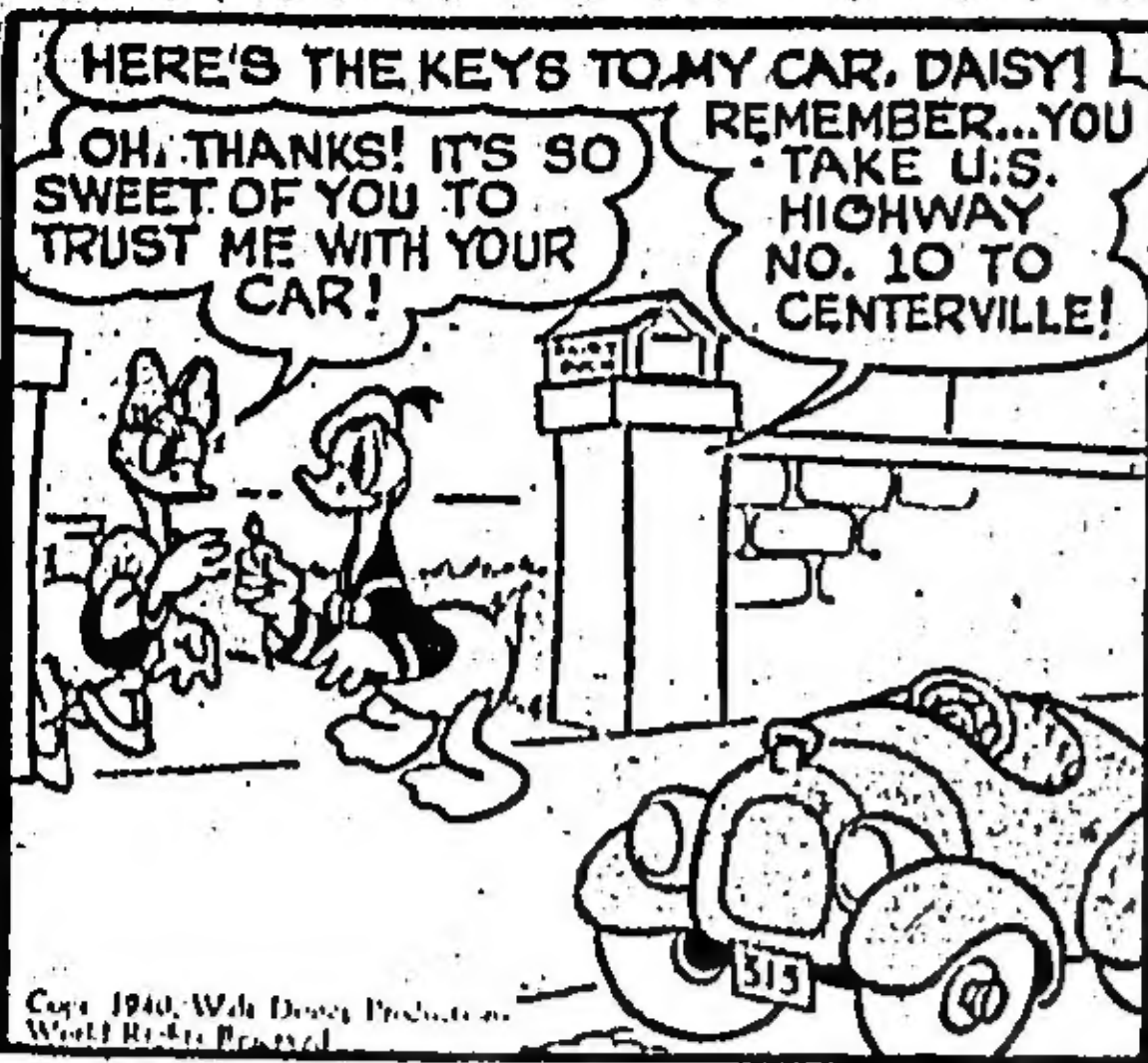
"Captain Best is still remembered in Hongkong by those who were connected with West River and East River shipping in the few years preceding 1932."

Master of ships which plied between Hongkong and Wuchow and Kowloon, he was a well-known figure on the local waterfront.

Although he was an old man, he was a sprightly figure and could talk for hours on Chinese pirates and dope-smugglers. He was a favourite with shipping reporters of those days to whom, over a drink or two, he used to tell lurid tales of smugglers on the China Coast, sometimes involving prominent personalities. None of these tales could be published; for each contained plenty of material for libel actions.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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HOW IT FEELS TO JUMP THREE MILES

BY THE PILOT OF A SHOT-DOWN HURRICANE

SATURDAY was not such a successful day from my point of view, as on our third patrol I lost my aircraft.

We were at about 21,000ft. when we got involved with a squadron of Messerschmitt 109's. They got me even before I saw them, which was very annoying.

I first felt a curious sort of bump, and as I turned to see what was up my controls felt funny; a lot of red sparks and black smoke appeared around my feet, and a cloud of white smoke—probably glycol—began streaming back from the engine.

The aircraft began going downhill fast. I slid back the hood and began to get out; my goggles were whipped off, and my helmet began to lift up in the slip stream.

I realised I had not undone my straps, so I pulled out the retaining pin and stood up, standing on anything which came handy (the seat, the instrument panel, or the stick, I don't really know). The air seized hold of me, and there was a wrench as my oxygen tube snapped off (I had forgotten to undo it), and I shot out into the sky.

The aeroplane disappeared.

It was nice and cool falling. I was head down, of course, but found the position quite comfortable. There was no sense of speed, or any feeling of falling.

I had a look at the clouds below me (they were at about

4,000-5,000ft.), and then collected the odd bits of my helmet and had a look round.

My parachute was still on my seat. Both my boots were on, and I didn't seem to have lost anything except my goggles, a handkerchief and map. They must have fallen out of the pockets in my knees when I first went upside down.

After a while I thought about pulling the rip-cord. I seemed to have fallen a goodish way, so I pulled. The canopy streamed out, there was a hard jerk, and there I was right side up, quite comfortable, and floating slowly—oh, so slowly—earthwards.

I was at about 9,000ft. to 10,000ft. then, so I had fallen for about 8,000ft.-9,000ft. (from about 18,000ft.), and might have fallen farther with advantage.

When I looked up I could see the shining white canopy above me, and little silver specks having no end of a dog fight in the

clear blue sky. A Spitfire dived down past me with a high-pitched whine, but that was the only disturbance.

The parachute began to swing me about and it was not long before I felt sick—very sick, in fact, by the time I landed.

It was fun going into the clouds as the sun played a sort of "spectre of the broken" effect on my shadow as I approached them. When I emerged, the countryside looked pleasantly open, and after drifting quite a way I thought I saw where I should land.

Two farm hands had the same idea. We were all wrong. In spite of attempts on my part to avoid it I came down in a spinney of young oak trees, pulling up short about 20ft. from the ground, hanging in my harness.

I managed to get hold of a trunk, pull myself over to it, get out of the parachute harness, and climb to the ground, where I remained quite still until I was found.

The Army soon took charge of me, gave me a drink and some lunch, and drove me back to my base.

The only damage I sustained was a hefty bruise on my right shoulder from hitting the tail as I jumped, and a bruise on my leg and a torn trouser from the somewhat unceremonious descent through the upper branches of the oak.

Now I go about with my arm in a sling, feeling particularly good as I have been given a week's sick leave.

ON his first patrol, after returning to duty, Flying Officer Hope was killed—he stayed too long in his crippled Hurricane, he stayed long enough to make sure the machine would not crash on buildings, but too long to enable him to jump to safety.

His father's photograph is now one of the cherished records of his unit, No. 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron of the R.A.F. Fighter Command.

TURKS READY FOR BIG MOVE

By FRANK O'BRIEN

ISTANBUL.

GERMANY'S big problem of the moment is to keep Turkey out of the war.

To succeed in this, she must forfeit some of her aims in the Balkans. Hitler must restrain his desire to march through Bulgaria to help his ally Mussolini in the campaign against Greece.

For Turkey has given a categorical assurance that any move from Bulgaria into Greece means that Turkey enters the war against the Axis.

I have been told that "measures of the utmost importance will be taken by Turkey in the near future."

This statement was not made by extremists, but by responsible people in legislative circles here.

No Mobilisation

The same sources added that this should not be taken as meaning a declaration of war.

Turkey, to-day, is completely prepared for war in every respect. But general mobilisation is considered as unlikely for the present.

Looking at the general Balkan situation from here, it seems reasonable to assume that Germany will avoid a direct move through Bulgaria unless forced to it by a complete Italian failure.

Yet there are many competent observers who take the view that continued Greek resistance will force Hitler to act.

Germany is known to have over a million troops concentrated in south-east Europe ready to strike. If these troops march through Bulgaria to the Greek frontier, Turkey has made it quite plain that she will oppose them.

But it is possible that Germany and Italy will collaborate in a move through Yugoslavia against Greece, and in that event Turkey's attitude is uncertain.

Soviet Warning

Hitler may take advantage of the persistent disunity of the Yugoslavs to enter their country and progress from there to the aid of his Italian ally in Greece.

Russia's attitude to the whole Balkan situation is uncertain, but there are many reports which indicate that she wants to help the small nations against Germany.

For example, Russia is said to have given the present Greek authorities evidence of a Fifth Column plot to de-throne King George of Greece and to set up a regime more favourable to the Axis.

On this information, the Greek authorities were able to act.

Other reports, this time from Bucharest, say that Russia warned Bulgaria that any attempt to further German desires in the Balkans would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

Germany is said to be aware of this Russian attitude and for that reason is more likely to move through Yugoslavia to Italy's aid in Greece than through Bulgaria.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Agree upon meeting
- Cavalry weapon
- Unimpaired
- Addressing scandalous language to
- Cold-blooded
- Veritable
- Obvious
- Auditory organ
- Bound by promise
- Go to right
- It is
- Oppress, over
- Youth employed at Capitol
- Lucky number
- Latin fish
- Digger of coal
- Hold back
- Choose by vote
- Southern constellation
- Latin name
- Special ability
- One who leads
- Father
- Urges to action
- Meat-bearing animal
- Collection of cattle
- Wide
- Device for measuring length
- Period of time
- One who feeds
- Sound of crow
- Irregular-shaped
- Take time
- Social systems

DOWN

- One who says for entertainment
- Admonish
- Quill
- Cut with short stroke
- Heinous
- Cut
- Kaiser
- Officer
- Pointing, sense of
- Follow suit
- News papers
- Considered
- Cherished quality
- Pilot
- Silver in North Wales
- Provided with parts of
- Corolla
- Flowerman of
- Building
- Neat passages
- Diab of metal
- Awarded for noteworthy accomplishment
- Stirred
- Tail falsehood
- Billions each
- Case of 42 wine
- Call into court to answer to indictment
- Crime monotonous
- Intense feverish
- Teach
- Accounts particularly of
- Whistle
- Refrained atom
- Clashed
- One who opens to full view
- Devel
- Large volume
- Crane of amphibian
- For shame!
- Short sleep

FAMILY LIFE IN LONDON'S TUBES IS NEAR NORMAL

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

I'M a fairly equable person, I think, but twice recently I had moments when I could have cheerfully slain two of my fellow women. Mothers, too, they were.

The first time was when, with another journalist, I was making a tour of the London tubes to report on conditions there. A woman with a tired-eyed, pallid little boy said: "Oh, if only they'd have compulsory evacuation. His brother is in the country and quite happy, but his father and I feel we want this one with us for company. We know we ought to, but if we had no choice we should have our minds made up for us, shouldn't we?"

I thought of the mothers who had set their teeth and sent their children off on the long journey overseas to safety. And I made no reply, though I should have liked to.

Woary Mite

The second time was when I was travelling by tube through London in the early evening on my way back from the country. I nearly fell over a bored, weary, unhappy mite of five who, with no toys to divert her mind, was fidgeting and grizzling.

Her mother looking up from a magazine, administered a hearty slap to the child and went back to her reading.

By sheer luck, I had a rag book and some toys in my bag. They had been intended for a depot in London, but the book, and a fascinating elephant that waggled its head when you pushed it, were left with the baby, who promptly subsided in a passion of interest.

In The Basket

For the most part, the families who take shelter on platforms every night are sensibly and cleverly "adapting themselves to conditions."

Small children, and older ones too, have their toys and their books, for boredom is one of the enemies we've got to fight in this

way and most mothers seem to realise it. One evening I noticed a small baby comfortably asleep in a big market basket which had been fitted with a pillow and a couple of tiny light blankets. There he lay, protected from the cold of the floor and the draughts of the tunnel.

In the morning, his mother told me, her 10-year-old son and she carry the basket home between them so that the child remains in the same comfortable relaxed position. I thought this an excellent notion, which might well be adopted for general use when travelling with a young child.

"Soup For Us"

Another little group was thoroughly enjoying supper—but they weren't drinking the tea which nearly every family seems to take in vacuum flasks.

"It's soup for us," said the jolly buxom woman, obviously the mother of the family. "I make it from bones and let it simmer on the hob. Then, when we're ready to start, I pop the saucepan (which isn't a very big one) into a wooden box, which is lined with straw and then with flannel, and has a straw-lined cushion on top tied down with string, and two of the kids carry it between them. With bits of meat in it and vegetables and such-like, it's as good as a meal and all we want until the morning."

"Mrs Alf"

It was from a second family that I learned of a new use for tea-leaves. I had decided to make a dash for it, but the noise outside was terrible, so I wandered back into the depths of the tube and stood there uncertainly. Suddenly I heard a voice: "Wouldn't

like a cup of tea, lady; would you? We've got an extra one."

I sat gratefully down on the platform. "You must have read my thoughts," I said. "This is good of you."

"Well, you kinder looked sorry for yourself," said the owner of the voice, a thin, brisk looking woman, who talked to me, fed two children, and poured out tea all at once. She smiled cheerfully. "Alf," she turned to a quiet man with a large moustache and amazingly kind eyes. "You wipe out your cup for the lady." Which Alf silently did.

When I'd finished I said: "You must drink all your ration."

Alf nodded like a mandarin, and Mrs Alf replied: "We do, we drink lots, but we use the leaves again. . . . Oh, not for drinking," she added hastily, seeing the surprised look on my face. "For polishing. I do all the house over with it. Like this . . . you collect all leaves every week, and then pour on some boiling water—about a quart, say—and leave it a bit. Then you pour the liquid into a bottle. Why, I polish linoleum and glasses and windows and furniture with it, and it acts grand. The neighbours say you can see your face in my windows. You ask Alf."

"In No Time"

She paled and an extraordinary look of surprise came over her face. "Leastways," she added hastily. "You could. But two days ago a bomb went off in the road, and the house is a bit upset now."

Her shoulders suddenly slumped and she leaned, a trifle forlornly, against the wall. Then she straightened herself, firmly and looked at Alf. "But the gentleman said we can go back to-morrow and we'll soon have it ship-shape again, won't we?" Her gaze sought her husband's anxiously, as though begging for confirmation.

Alf's kind eyes rested affectionately on her face, and for the first time he spoke. "That's right, old lady," he said. "In no time at all."

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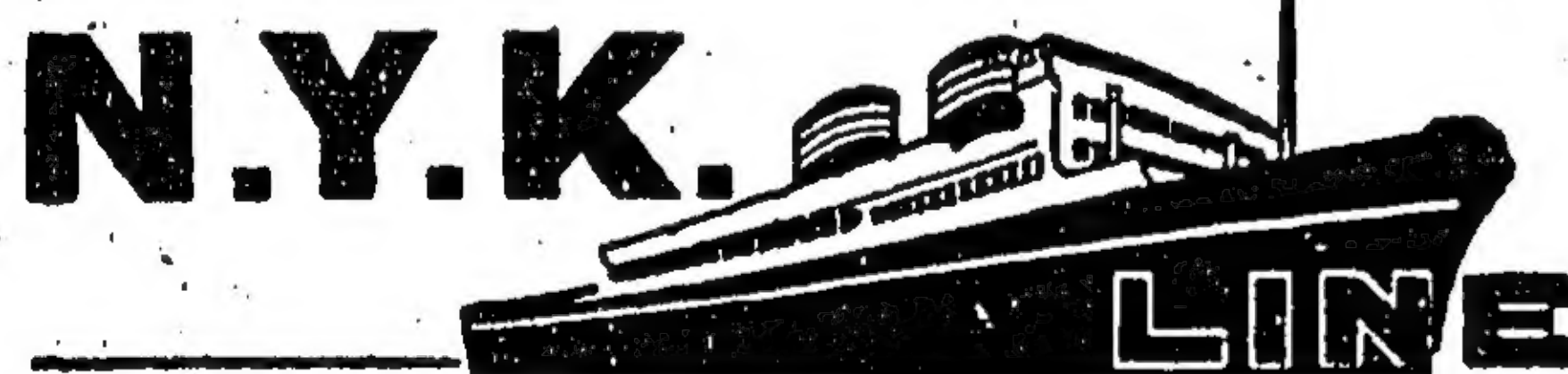
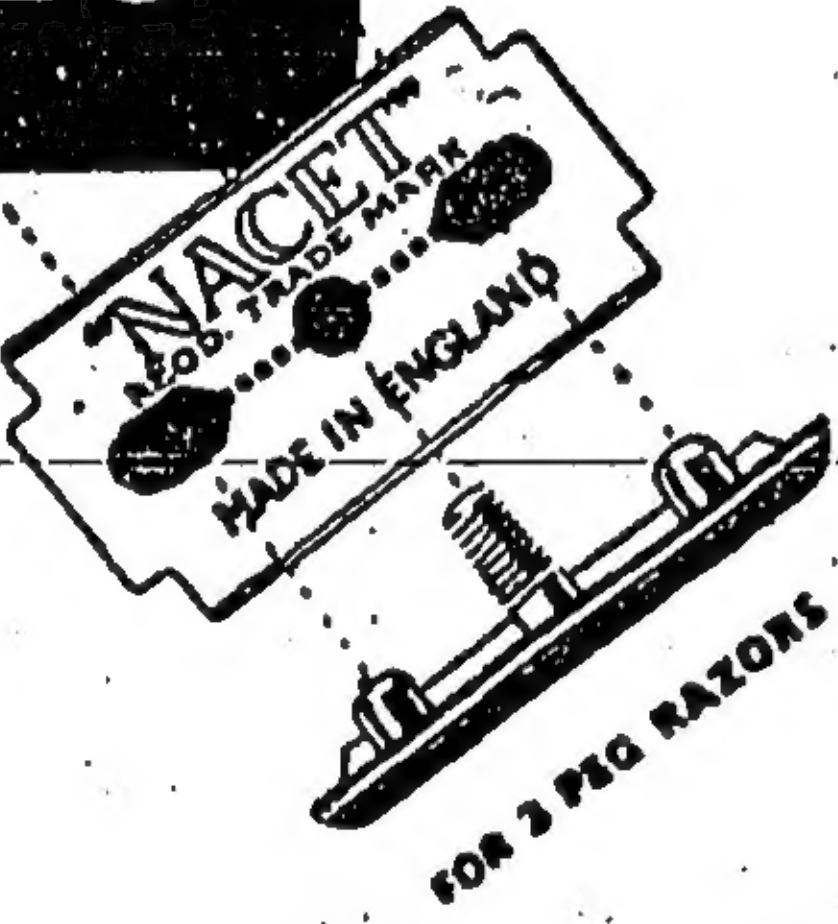
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JAPANESE MANOEUVRES

THE Japanese operation in Honan and Hupeh; the manoeuvre in southeastern Kwangtung, and the reported despatch of further troops to Saigon suggest an urgent desire on the part of the military leaders to take the sting out of Mr Matsuoka's recent admission of difficulties in the China campaign, rather than being an integral part of a carefully planned objective. The three movements may contain significant pointers, but these are not obvious.

It is difficult to appreciate precisely what the Japanese expect to accomplish in the latest Honan venture, except that carefully phrased official communiques on the action may go a long way towards justifying, in the eyes of the Japanese public, the continued existence of huge invading armies in China. What does remain incontestable is the fact that the Japanese are finding it necessary to indulge in such a widespread offensive in an area which they are supposed to have had under their control for two years. It gives new emphasis to the oft-repeated Chinese claim, (several times supported by neutral observers), that the Japanese are incapable of controlling areas beyond the railway lines and the main roads. Is this offensive too, the militarists' method of carrying out Mr Matsuoka's desire for "pacifying" the Chinese farmers?

The southeastern Kwangtung engagement has, perhaps, more point to it. The Japanese declare that the road from Shanyueh to Walchow has now become ever more important than the Burma highway for the transporting of materials to Free China, and the avowed purpose of the latest manoeuvre, which constitutes a pincer movement from the Walchow area and the Hongkong border, is to stop the alleged traffic. The peculiar feature about the whole thing is, however, that this smuggling was ever allowed to attain such proportions. One answer is suggested by the fact that entirely fresh troops are being employed in this clean-up; time will show how effectively the new broom sweeps.

The strategical importance of Walchow vis-a-vis the Kwangtung-Hongkong border is well known, but there is nothing to indicate at the moment that the latest Japanese ex-

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Spit And Polish

Further extracts from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

THE man they call Meanie looks up from a brown belt which he has just taken to pieces, and says: "Can somebody lend me a dab of polish?"

The Man from Yorkshire says "No." The Kid from Widnes sticks out his lower lip and says "Ha!" Old Silence throws over his tin and says nothing.

"Come Christmas," says Ginger, "we'll whip round and buy you a tin."

"Spit an' polish!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "What I mean to say, we come 'ere to fight, not do blinkin' 'ousework. See?"

"My boots is that greasy," says the Man from Leicester.

"Greasy!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "I've used up three tins of polish on this pair already, and stone me blind, if I 'ad a brace an' bit. I could bore a 'ole and run out a palful o' ruddy grease."

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"Ah," says the Man from Leicester. "Look at what you've got to do. Just look. Get both pair o' boots like patent leather. And the boots is full o' grease, like you say. Cap-badger has got to sparkle till it nigh blinds you."

"So's you're belt-buckles and all them twiddly bits o' brass on them leggings, that pack, an' that bloomin' great sackful o' straps in webbing."

"Everything's got to be like a jewellery shop winder. And that rifle! Blimey, that rifle!"

"Sergeant says, you're ruddy's you're best friend. Well, I reckon it's you're worst enemy, the way it gets you into trouble."

The Lad from the Elephant says, "You want a whole day to do your shining in, if you get what I mean, to get ready for the next day. It'd be okay by me if you didn't 'ave to sleep at night."

The Good Soldier Phillips says: "Nark it. You don't know what spit-and-polish means, you don't. Once you've got a good groundwork on your boots, you can shine 'em in ten minutes. That goes for your brasses, too."

"What're you grouching about? What've you got to clean? Your rifle. All right. You'll need to keep that clean, to save your own ruddy lives."

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"Apart from that, what? You're in battle dress now; well, that means eight little bits o' brass on your gaiters, a badge, and two little buttons on your cap. That's nothing."

"I admit there's a bit o' Blanco-ing to do on your webbing, but you don't do your packs every day, do you?"

"What d'you want? Ruddy batmen to do it for you? Charwomen running after you, or something?"

"Say you was in the cavalry and had to polish a ruddy horse before breakfast. Eh? You've got to keep yourselves clean. Ain't you got no self-respect?"

"Do you want to walk about in tripe? With baggy breeches and rusty rifles?"

"You're given equipment: you got to keep it in good order. Because if it ain't clean, it's tripey equipment. See?"

"So get on with the shining parade if you want to go to the N.A.A.F.I. to-night. Go on! Shine!"

"Excuse me," says Meanie to his neighbour. "D'you mind spitting on these boots for me? I been eating toffee."

"First 'e borrows polish. Now 'e borrows spit," says the Lad from the Elephant.

position is based on ulterior motives. It is possible important materials are getting into Free China via Kwangtung, and from a purely military viewpoint, it would not have been surprising if the Japanese had taken action before.



HAMM-AND EGGS

(Our bombers successfully attacked marshalling yards at Hamm—official communiqué almost any day.)

Shake Up Our Diplomats!

By
W. N.
EWER

THIS is a total war. It is a military war and a naval war and an air war and an economic war—and a diplomatic war.

Hitler uses diplomacy as one of his chief weapons. Ribbentrop is with him as much as Kietel. His diplomatic offensives are more frequent than his military offensives.

We have to fight his diplomacy with our diplomacy. Our diplomatic service is just as much a vital war service as the Army or the Navy or the R.A.F.

And the plain but unpleasant fact is that our diplomatic service is nowhere near as efficient as it should be.

It needs, and should have, a swift and thorough reorganisation, for, as it is, it is simply not up to its job.

DRAWBACKS

Certainly that job has been a difficult one. In continental Europe—above all, in Eastern Europe—Germany has the great advantage of her geographical position.

She can back her diplomacy with the menace of big armies. We cannot do that. Once, years ago, during an "Armenian crisis," Lord Salisbury said of a critic who was calling for action:—

"What does he want me to do? Send the Channel Fleet to Lake Van?"

That is true enough. The fleet can chase the Italians off the Mediterranean; but it cannot sail up the Danube.

Said a British Minister in one of those countries recently:—"My German colleague has a hundred arguments he can use with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, which I have not. They are a hundred divisions of infantry in or near the Danube valley."

That also is true enough. But it is only part of the story.

The other part is that German diplomacy everywhere has been more active, more vigorous, more painstaking than ours.

I do not want to criticise individuals: to suggest that this British Ambassador has been a total failure, that one not so bad.

They are officials and can't answer back. And discussing charge of inefficiency is that the service is starved.

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SEEM TO MATTER VERY MUCH. THEY JUST GO ON, GOOD OR BAD.

They never get thoroughly shaken up. They very rarely get removed, however inefficient they are.

How often does an Ambassador or Minister get a thorough good wiggling from the Secretary of State?

It is all too easy-going, all too slipshod.

If we had run the fighting services in the same happy-go-lucky way, Hitler would be dining in Buckingham Palace this evening.

The root of the whole trouble is that the service is still haggard by nineteenth-century traditions.

I don't mean the "old school tie" tradition. There is quite a lot of about: although it is more burlesque to allege that the men in the Foreign Office and the Embassies and the Legations are all a lot of monocled snobs.

MODERNISE IT!

There are very few of that type. There are far more conscientious officials—some able, some not—working, many of them very hard, for pretty poor pay.

But the whole system has never been overhauled and modernised.

Of course, there have been reforms—the institution of commercial attaches and secretaries and counsellors and of Press attaches, for example. Still, the diplomatic side goes on pretty much in the old way.

An Ambassador will see now and again the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister of the Government to which he is accredited. He will move about in Government circles.

Some of his junior staff, especially the keener ones, will make other "contacts" and do what they can to get useful information and to put our case.

But there is nothing like enough of it. Zeal is not enough encouraged. Lassitude is not enough rebuked.

Rarely, as I say, does an Ambassador get told off for sending infrequent or inadequate reports. He may easily get a reminder that he is spending too much money on telegrams.

STARVED

One answer, indeed, which the diplomats can make to a charge of inefficiency is that the service is starved.

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A British Minister may (this is no exaggeration) have a staff of a dozen, while his German rival has nearly a hundred.

And the German, too, will have the services of perhaps a score of "newspaper correspondents" who send curiously little news to their papers but who call regularly every morning at the Embassy.

He may have at his call also a score of business representatives who seem to do curiously little business.

The upshot of it all is that from almost all countries the German Foreign Office is getting far fuller and far better information about things that matter than our Foreign Office secures.

The Nazis see to it that their men are efficient; they see to it that they are well staffed. They have their diplomatic eyes and ears everywhere.

They work hard and spend lavishly to spread German influence and German propaganda.

They have realised the importance of the diplomatic weapon and the importance of seeing that it is a hundred per cent. efficient.

We do not. We make blunder after blunder for sheer lack of information.

IN THE DARK

We are taken by surprise because we are working in the dark.

We lose opportunity after opportunity through sheer lack of drive, through using the easy-going methods of the old world amid the tempo of the new.

We shall go on fighting Germany in the diplomatic field with one hand tied behind our back until our whole diplomatic service from top to bottom is shaken up and weeded out and overhauled and made to understand what is wanted of it in the new conditions.

We must have good men and enough of them to do the job. And we shall not have an efficient diplomatic service until (among other things) we are prepared to pay for it.

IT IS A BIG JOB, AND EASY ONE, BUT IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE—AND WITHOUT DELAY—IF WE ARE NOT TO BE REPEATEDLY OUTMANOEUVRED BY RIBBENTROP'S MEN.

S. HONAN BATTLE

Chinese Claim Victories

LAOHOKOW, Feb. 5 (Central News).—Under heavy Chinese pressure large Japanese units engaged in the northward drive in south Honan are retreating south-eastward. Chengyang, a strategic city about 30 miles north-west of Loshan, which was lost on January 26, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

Some 3,000 Japanese to the north-east of Nanyang to the west of the Peking-Hankow Railway were today heavily attacked by the Chinese. About 700 of them were incapacitated while the rest fled to Tangho, south-east of Nanyang.

Unit Annihilated

A Japanese unit to the south-east of Wuyang, about 30 miles west of the Peking-Hankow Railway, was annihilated while the Japanese retreating from Fangcheng, 40 miles south-west of Wuyang, are being hotly pursued by the Chinese.

As a result of the counter-offensive in the Taihu regions on the Chekiang-Kiangsu border, the Chinese have recaptured more than ten strategic points and have severely damaged Japanese communication lines. Japanese communication between Chang-hing and Iking, principal towns on the Taihu banks, has been totally disrupted.

The so-called mopping-up operations of the Japanese have thus ended in complete failure. Indications of Japanese losses, several truckloads of Japanese dead were seen to have been sent back to Wukang.

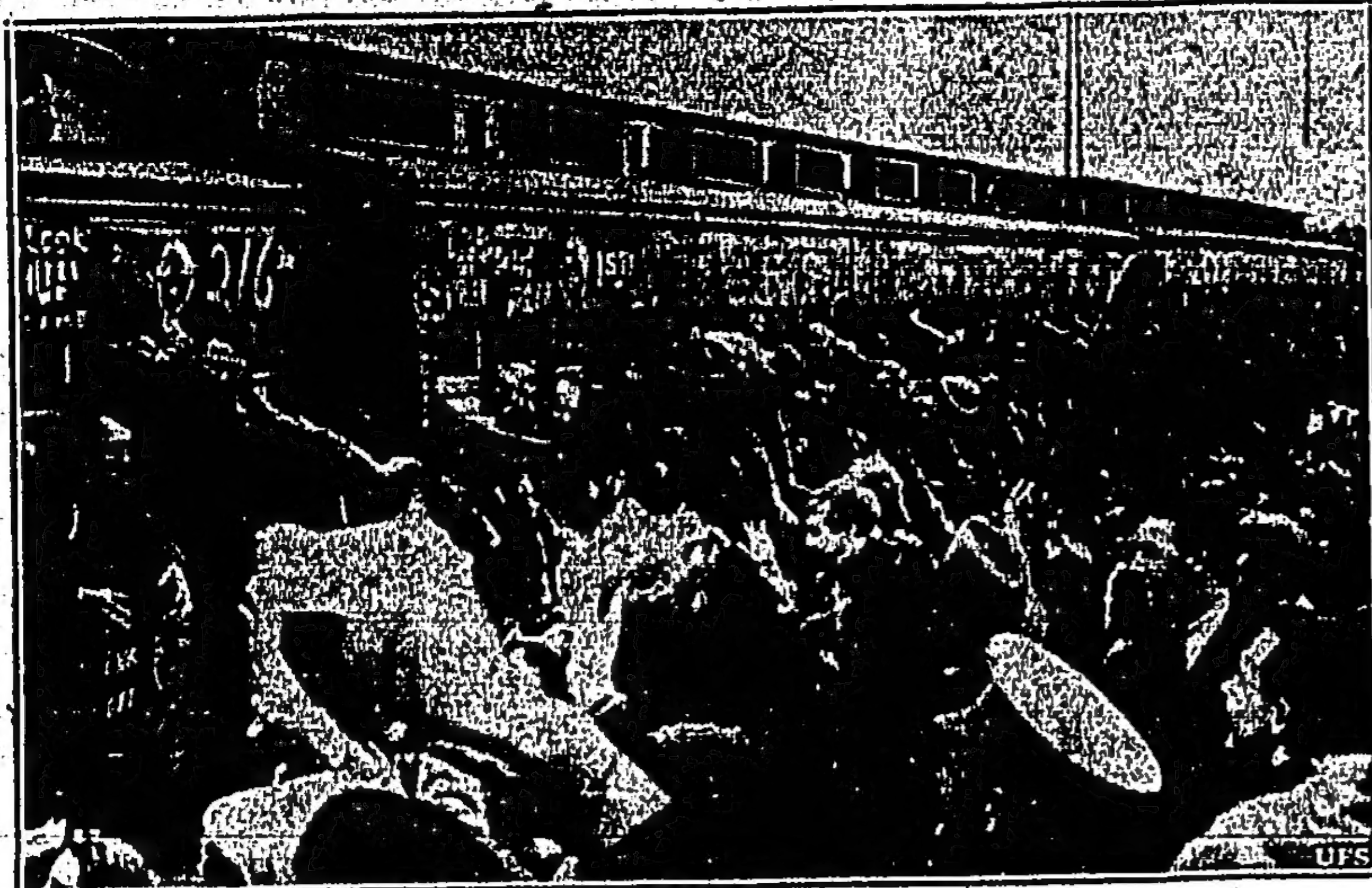
CALCUTTA, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—Both the Italian prisoners who escaped yesterday have been captured.

HELP FOR GASTRITIS VICTIMS

The great problem in gastritis and other digestive disturbances is how to rest the sick stomach and still nourish the exhausted body.

Solid food is out of the question. Even many liquid foods irritate the stomach lining and cause pains and vomiting. There is a food, however, which actually soothes the inflamed stomach. It is Horlicks. Doctors recommend it in all cases of severe digestive trouble because it is so easily assimilated and so highly nutritious.

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TO WAR ZONE—Australian soldiers bound for war zone take leave of relatives and friends at Sydney, on route to embarkation port. Train is chalked with jests.

Spaniards Revive Anti-British Sentiments

MADRID, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—A threatening tone is used by the Spanish newspaper, "Arriba," to-day in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far the Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive the enemies who have put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds, "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag. The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace prudent defence. If we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere, are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in press and speech during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage.

U.S. CARGO FLEET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The House of Representatives today accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships, and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$313,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels.

Tinplate Limited

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Minister of Supply, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tinplate would be progressively reduced some 25 per cent below the level at which the industry had recently been operating.

Cuba Is Again At Peace

HAVANA, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—President Batista has issued a decree restoring the constitutional guarantee of Cuba which he suspended on Tuesday morning when he took swift action against an alleged attempt to overthrow him and deposed the chiefs of the armed forces and other officers.

Czechs Hide Food Stocks From Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—A large scale shortage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London.

The message says that last year a quarter of a million calves and at least 300,000 tons of meat were prevented from reaching Germany. Some 13,000 wagon loads of grain were successfully hidden.

No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear that this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in the panic. New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months' imprisonment.

DRIVE TO BENGHAZI

Little Opposition

H.Q., Middle East, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Italian retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at a rate twenty or thirty miles daily.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties. With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago. British troops who are following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi are meeting with little opposition. The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway is presumably the next British objective. Though Apollonia, near Cyrene has not been mentioned in the British communiqué, it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

Manchukuo Observance

HSINKING, Feb. 6 (Reuters).

Towns in Manchukuo will be beflagged to-day on the occasion of the Emperor's 36th birthday.

Government offices will celebrate all day. The holiday is observed by several appropriate ceremonies. In the morning the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace.

India's Voice Will Be Heard

New All-World Radio

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—An order has been placed in England for a 100 kilowatt transmitter for the All-World Radio. The transmitter, which will be one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed in Delhi.

The preliminary work such as selecting a site, etc., is progressing and it is expected that the new station which will be audible all over the world, will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa, the Far East and the Middle East.

"REUTER" HEAD RETIRES

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—After being head of "Reuter" for the last quarter of a century, and having completed 40 years of service with the Company, Sir Roderick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1916, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day made a downward drift and was dull but closed steadier under the leadership of gilt-edged securities which rallied on renewed institutional buying.

Industrials were rather heavy and home-rails had a pause, but Kaffirs were steadily held. Oils occasionally improved.

Japanese bonds were inclined to harden and speculative buying of European bonds was again in evidence. Wall Street was firm.

Devonshire Or Harlech To Replace Lord Lloyd

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd who died yesterday, is complicated by the fact that besides being Secretary for the Colonies he was also Leader of the House of Lords.

The only other Secretary of State in the House of Lords is Viscount Cranbourne, Dominions Secretary, and he is a newcomer.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, will be recalled to take over both positions, but others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the House of Lords so the present vacancy must be filled by a Peer.

SERVANT TO RICH WIFE

Mr Milbourne Silvester, Stamford Brook, W., who gave up his position as manager of licensed premises to do the housework for his rich wife, was left £1 a week by her will. He applied in the Chancery Division recently under the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act, 1938, to increase the amount to £5 a week.

His counsel said he was 42 when the marriage took place nearly 27 years ago. He lived on amicable terms with his wife at Hare, until her death last February. She had no servant and the husband, besides doing all the housework, attended to her during several illnesses, as she refused to have a nurse.

Mrs Silvester left about £10,000. She gave certain legacies, annuities of £104 to her sister and brother, and the residue to the National Lifeboat Institution, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army.

Mr Justice Farwell directed that Mr Silvester should have an additional £3 a week, making in all £4 a week, free of duty.

WELDING METAL TO GLASS

Welding metal to glass, a process which for years has been the dream of scientists all over the world, has at last been perfected—by a British firm.

"The soldering of metal to glass," said an official of the firm at St. Helens, Lancashire, "has been the dream of glass technologists for years."

"By combining the use of specially toughened glass and aluminium, and having overcome the technical difficulties of spraying, the process is now a practical one."

"It has already been used for making electric heaters by spraying aluminium in the form of wire in a zig-zag pattern on to the specially heated glass. These 'glass-heaters' have been tested over a long period and have emerged satisfactorily."

"The process is also being used for soldering metal discs or bolts on to glass."

Opportunity Missed By Hitler

Speaking at Ipswich recently, Sir Neville Henderson, former Ambassador in Berlin, said: "I think the one person who regretted Munich more than anyone else was Hitler. He thought he had missed an opportunity, and I think he did."

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Neville said, tried to do his utmost regardless of himself to bring Europe back to recognition and rectification of past errors. It was a single-handed effort on the part of a man who was over 70.

No Spitfires Then

"I do not know whether the critics of Mr Chamberlain realize that on September 28, 1938, we did not possess any Spitfires, we had only one or two experimental Hurricanes, and only seven modern A. A. guns for the defence of London, out of 400 estimated as the minimum necessary. Germany could have dropped 2,000 bombs a day on London, and we could have given no reply."

"I would like to ask Mr Chamberlain's critics, realizing what cards he held in his hand, what they could have done either to avert or delay war. Mr Chamberlain failed in his immediate objective, but to the end of his life he did not have one twinge of conscience."

Electrocuted In Shelter

Mr Ernest Wallace Martin, Woolwich Borough Council Electrical Engineer, said at an inquiry recently that the council did not encourage people to install electric lighting in Anderson shelters.

The current should be reduced to 20 or 50 volts through a transformer which could be bought for 10s. or 15s. No electricity of ordinary supply voltage should be used in an Anderson shelter because of the damp.

Boxer's Death

A verdict of "Accidental death" due to an ineffective cable was recorded on Patrick Sheehan, aged 34, of Angelsea Road, Woolwich, who had been an Irish boxing champion for three years.

Sheehan was one of a party of council workmen who were erecting his shelter which had become flooded. It was stated that he either tried to wrench an electric cable from the ground or grasped it to save himself when he slipped.

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Spallinger & Co.) \$135. Tavanne Chronometer, Elerna Chronometer, Election Chronometer (Ed. A. Keller & Co., Ltd.) (\$100 each). Case Pommeroy & Greno Champagne, quarts (Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd.). Copy of Collection of Famous Pictures, Bung Dynasty (Commercial Press, Ltd.). Two pairs Ladies' Shoes (Gordon's Ltd.) \$50 each. Prize to the value of \$100 (Anonymous). Centenary Souvenir Silver Cigarette Box, value \$200; Empire Silver Salver, value \$200; (George Falconer & Co., (H.K.) Ltd.). Three bottles of wine (Anonymous). Silver "Lotus" Centrepiece (Mr. J. I. Barnes). Silver Cigarette Case (Mr. A. C. Ellis). Down Quilt (Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.) \$85. Four "Innox" Beauty Cases (Colony Dispensary) Respectively \$37.50; \$30; \$30 and \$22.50. 12 ft. Canoe and Paddle (A. King, Shipway). Lady's Model All-Wave Superheterodyne Radio and Phonograph Combination (China Electric Company) \$300. Two cases ten-1-gallon tins Texaco Motor Oil (Texas Co. (China) Ltd.). 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'Floating Islands' For German Flyers

At the height of the winter storms which paralysed mutual bombing raids on Britain and western Europe, the Germans have sown "floating islands" complete with beds, food, first aid medicines and tobacco in the channel and North Sea for use by aviators who are forced down at sea.

These enormous lifebelts have been placed, according to the paper, at regular intervals along routes generally used by German planes on bombing missions to and from England.

The "islands" consist of large tower buoys which contain comfortable shelter. Inside each tower are four beds, clothing, food, medicines and tobacco. There are signal flags and flares to enable the stranded airmen to call for help. Extending out from each tower are rubber tubes which are used as tentacles to enable the pilots who are forced down to steer as close as possible to the "islands."

Regular Patrol

At the height of their raids on England the Germans use seaplanes to fly regular patrol above the channel to dive and pick up crews of planes which were forced down in the water.

Those stranded crewmen who can reach islands can be taken off by fast motorboats which regularly visit and re-stock the buoys every 24 hours.

The "Paris Solr" said the German pilots carry a chemical product with strong colouring qualities which can create a big blot of contrasting colour to sea water. The blot is visible to planes at an altitude of 25,000 feet and guides relief planes to sinking bombers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,571,309.57 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
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Helena May Function
A Bridge and Mahjong Drive in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute, under the auspices of the Council. It is understood that over \$350 was collected in the course of the afternoon.

Bishop Valtorta Near Waichow

Concern is being felt at the possibility of Mgr. H. Valtorta, Bishop of Hongkong being stranded in the Waichow vicinity, the scene of Japanese activities.
Mgr. Valtorta went to Waichow on Tuesday, accompanied by several priests, in connection with his duties, and has not yet returned.

Manila Announces Cholera Restrictions

Dr. H. F. Smith, chief quarantine officer for the Philippines, has re-established the Cholera restrictions on passengers arriving at Manila and other Philippine ports from China coast, effective at once, in view of the report that cholera was still prevalent at Hongkong on January 27, as the Manila Bulletin.
Last week he lifted the cholera restrictions on all passengers, excepting third class passengers who remained subject to quarantine.

PYRAMIDS ARE SANDBAGGED

The great pyramid of Cheops has been sandbagged. Although its five million tons of solid masonry would need thousands of tons of high explosive to damage it, this precaution has been taken to protect the remnants of the original casing at the base.

Gunner Goes To Prison Sold Army Secrets To Japanese

Singapore, Feb. 5.
Announcing its decision in the trial of Gunner Frank Gardner, 24, conducted on January 15, a court martial to-day sentenced Gardner to five years imprisonment and dismissal from the Army in disgrace.—United Press.
Gardner was accused of communicating information useful to an enemy to Shirozaki the Japanese who was recently sentenced to three and a half years' cool under the Official Secrets Act. The defence declared that Gardner was a weak-minded soldier who fell to the temptations of easy money and had been a very apt tool in Shirozaki's hands, falling an easy prey to his wiles.

Y.M.C.A. Dance For Servicemen

A dance exclusively for the men of the Service to be held at the Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road, to-morrow, promises to be a great success.
Commodore A. C. Collinson and Brigadier A. Peffer have promised to attend and a number of women have accepted invitations.
The very popular dance band of the Royal Scots is providing the music.
The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and will continue to 12.30 a.m. Tickets at \$1.50 each, include refreshments.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Roy Umberto Silva Netto Danenberg, office assistant, and Miss Carmen Merla da Silva, of Sai Yeung Choi Street.

R.A.F. Officers See Spitfires Made

HILDA BROWN, 22-year-old worker of a Spitfire factory, looked up from her bench and saw an RAF officer watching her. A shop steward introduced the officer to Hilda.

She shook hands. Then, quietly, "Excuse me, please. I'll get on with my work, but I can talk as well."

Then Hilda had a surprise. The shop steward told her that her visitor had won the D.F.C. and had shot down 17 German machines with one of the Spitfires she was helping to make.

Shot Down 30

"You're making a pip of a machine," the officer told her. "We want more of them."

"One day when I was up there were 60 of us and we came across 30 Germans. We shot the lot down."

Hilda's visitor was one of a party of R.A.F. officers paying a return visit.

Recently some of the workers visited an R.A.F. station to see the machines in action. This time the R.A.F. came to see how they were made.

20,000 Parts

They were shown how 20,000 parts are assembled into one fighter plane. Each visitor was accompanied by a skilled worker, who explained what was going on.

The climax of the visit came when a great door was raised. Behind it was a glistening new Spitfire, ready to be wheeled out to the flying field for testing.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: To-day's market was quiet and the volume of business done was negligible.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$76
Canton Ins. \$210
Union Ins. \$410
H.K. Fire Ins. \$165
Electric "O" \$40.25
Entertainments \$7

Sellers

Hotels \$3.60
Trams \$18.30
Ropes \$9.10
Watsons \$11.15
Ropes \$9.10/5

CAPT. E. DANGERFIELD

Captain Edward Dangerfield, R.N., who has died at St. Annes-on-Sea after four months' illness, at the age of 41, was formerly in Hongkong as Fleet Wireless Officer with the China Squadron. He was a specialist in signals and wireless, and one of the youngest officers of his seniority. While in the Colony he rode on several occasions at race meetings at Happy Valley.

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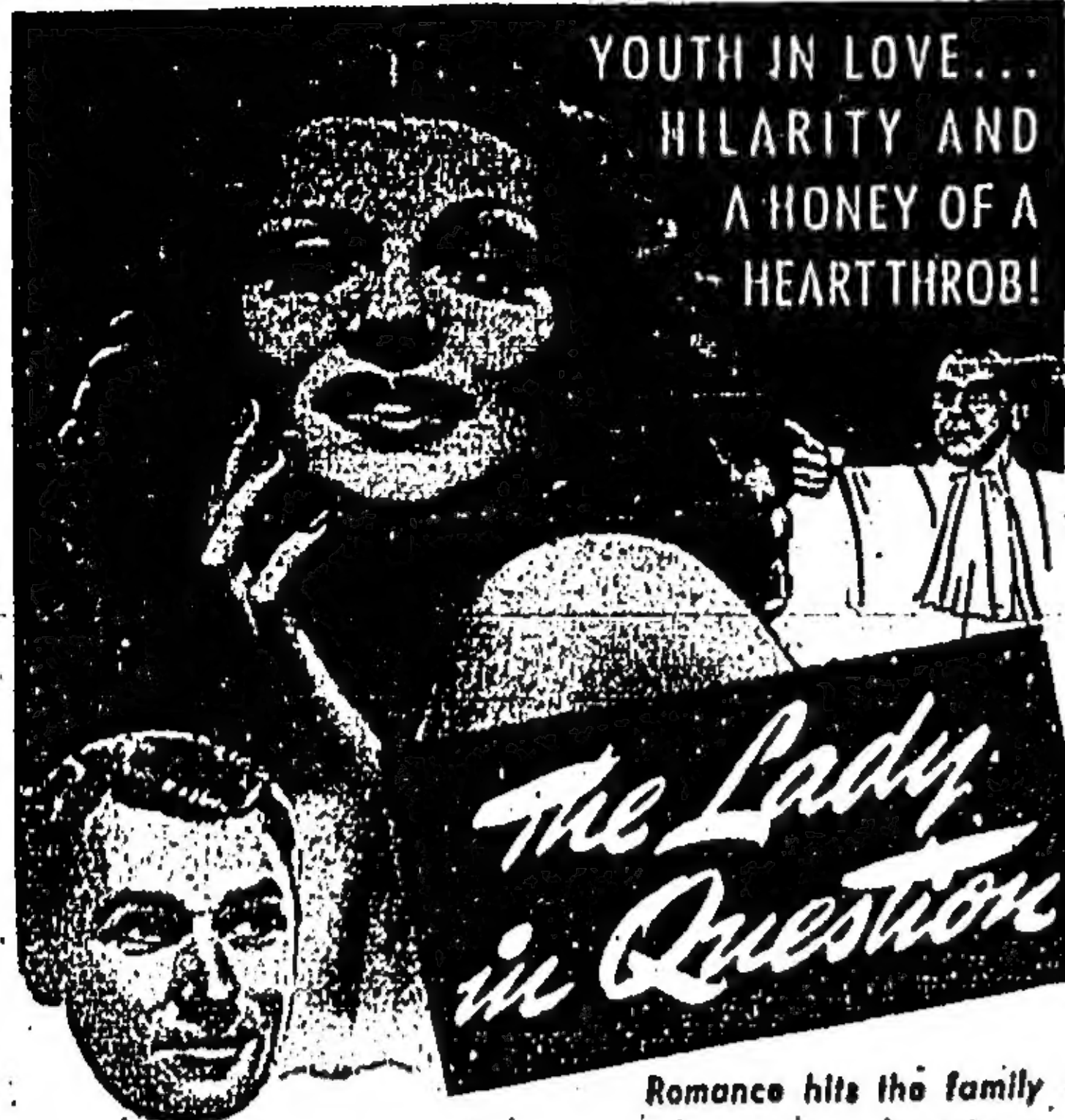
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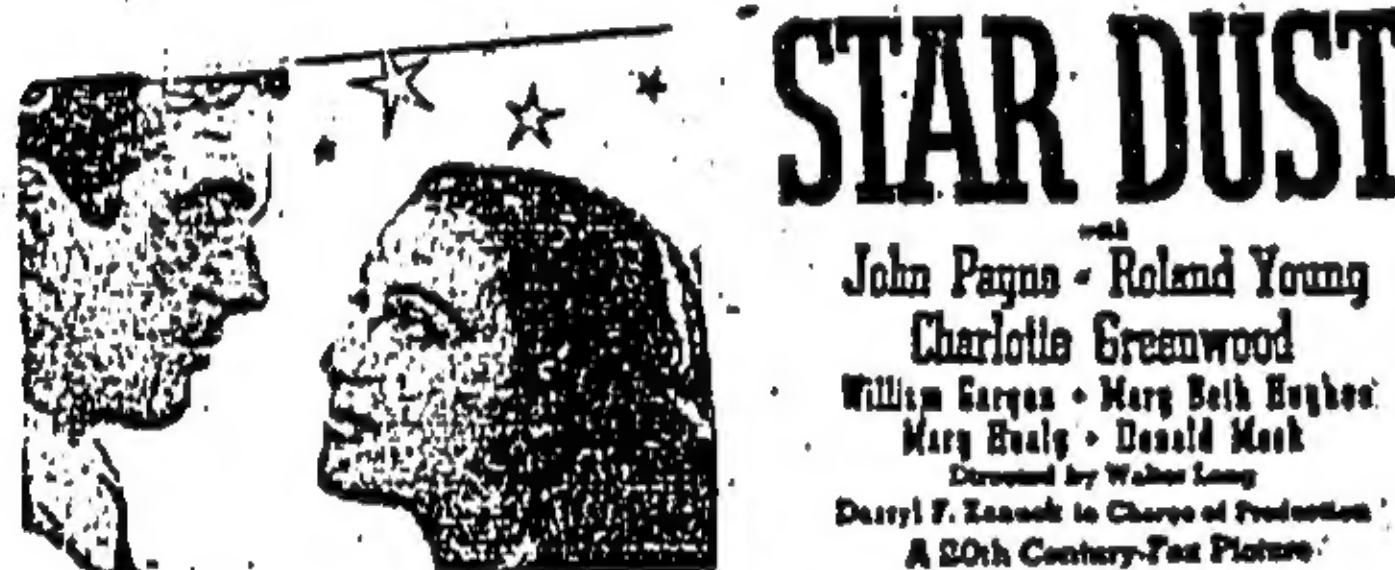
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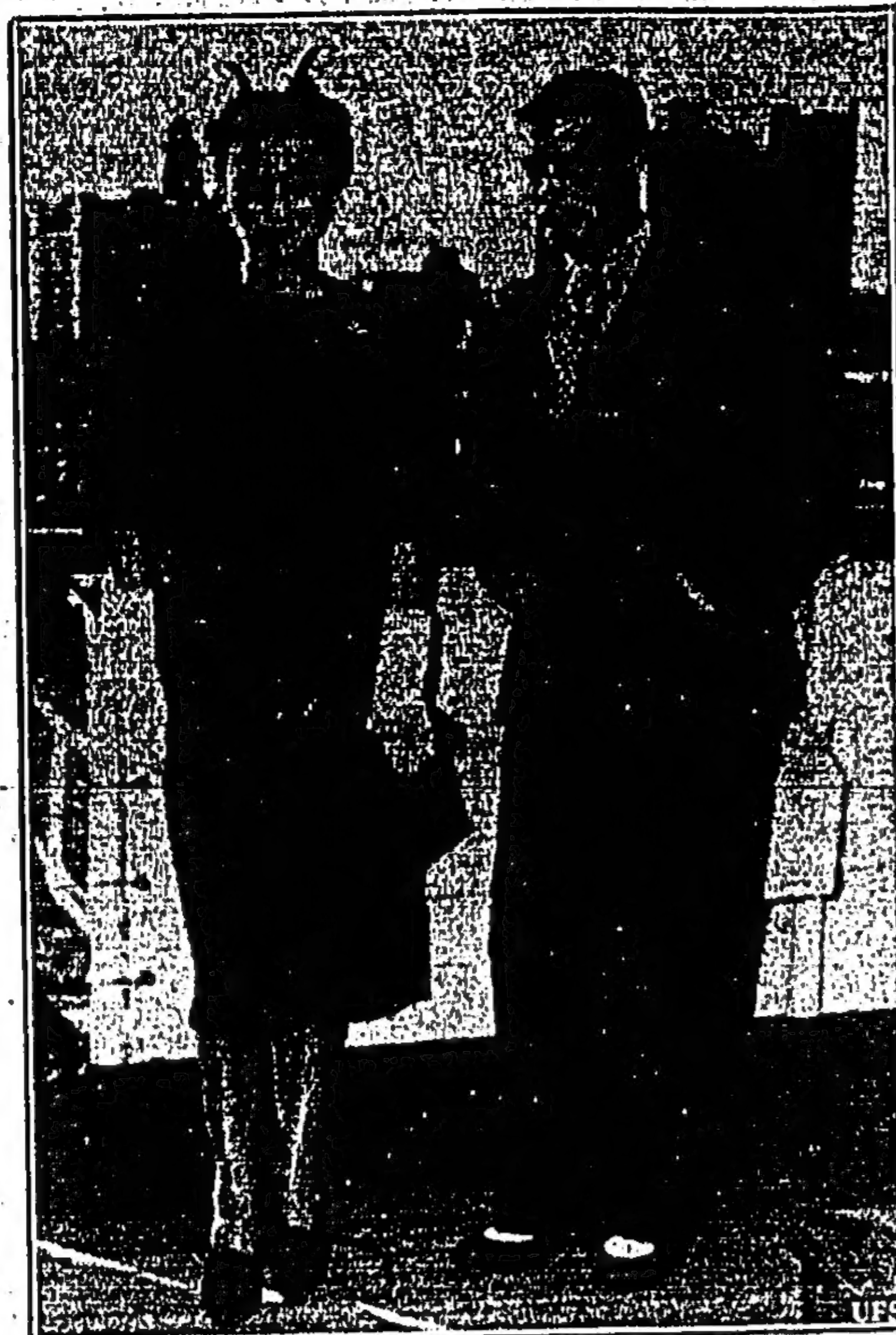
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WINDSORS IN U.S.—Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrive in Miami, Fla., on yacht Southern Cross for dental operation on Duchess. Crowd of 12,000 greeted them.

Bombed Giraffe Dies

London's Zoo in Regent's Park has been bombed. So, too, has Whipsnade. But both are carrying on.

Casualties at Regent's Park: a spur-winged goose died of shock, were one Barbary sheep, killed. One of the bombs at Regent's Park hit the cage of Ming, the At Whipsnade a giraffe, Boxer, famous Giant Panda, but did not panicked, dashed madly about, and explode. Ming is now evacuated to died of heart strain. An African the "safety" of Whipsnade.

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Gene Tunney, Fined, Jumps Court Window

Gene Tunney pleaded guilty in Stamford, Conn., Court recently to a charge of failing to report the killing of a dog by his car, paid a \$15 fine and costs and then jumped out of a window of the courthouse to the ground eight feet below.

He disappeared in the direction of the railway station, apparently not wishing to discuss the case any further.

The dog was a \$500 greyhound belonging to Mrs. W. F. Johnstone, wife of a Petroleum Heat & Power Co. executive.

Tunney did not say a word during the court proceedings, and, when asked how he pleaded, allowed his attorney, Matthew E. Hanna Jr., to speak for him.

"Mr Tunney pleads guilty," said Hanna.

Fined, Tunney walked to the clerk's desk, handed over the money and then made his spectacular exit.

Italian Targets Peppered

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patrols were active and two Italian machines were shot down. An enemy flying boat anchored off Tolmetta was destroyed and an enemy bomber crashed at Appollina.

Over Eritrea
A fighter squadron of the South African Air Force has had repeated successes in supporting the army offensive in Eritrea. It attacked the landing ground near Azosa, where five Italian machines, already bombed, were set on fire.

During an engagement in Asmara, aircraft of the same squadron intercepted enemy fighters and shot down one. Another was machine-gunned on the ground and destroyed.

At Teranni, four machines were observed burnt out on the landing ground, while three others, in an unserviceable condition due to air attacks, were captured at Barentu.

In addition, R.A.F. bombers raided a number of military objectives in Eritrea.

Motor transport was set on fire on the Metemma-Gondar road, and between Asmara and Keren a motor convoy was attacked.

The aerodrome at Gura was raided and three direct hits were registered on the hangars, causing much damage. Motor transport was attacked at Makale and three Italian machines were destroyed on the ground and others were damaged. Enemy fighters intercepted the R.A.F. bombers but the raid was successfully completed without damage to the British aircraft.

South Abyssinia
In southern Abyssinia, aircraft of the South African Air Force continued to support the army and one fighter pilot alone shot down three Italian planes.

Malta Raided
Enemy aircraft raided Malta yesterday but were intercepted by British fighters and at least three Italian machines were shot down. Others were severely damaged.

Some slight damage was caused to buildings.

With the exception of one bomber and one fighter, the British aircraft returned safely from all these operations.

Willkie Lands At Lisbon

Returning To America
LISBON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie arrived by air this afternoon from England on his way back to the United States.

The Douglas airliner that brought him landed at the Cntra aerodrome behind a stationary Junkers machine with a swastika painted on it. The liner taxied past it and stopped in front.

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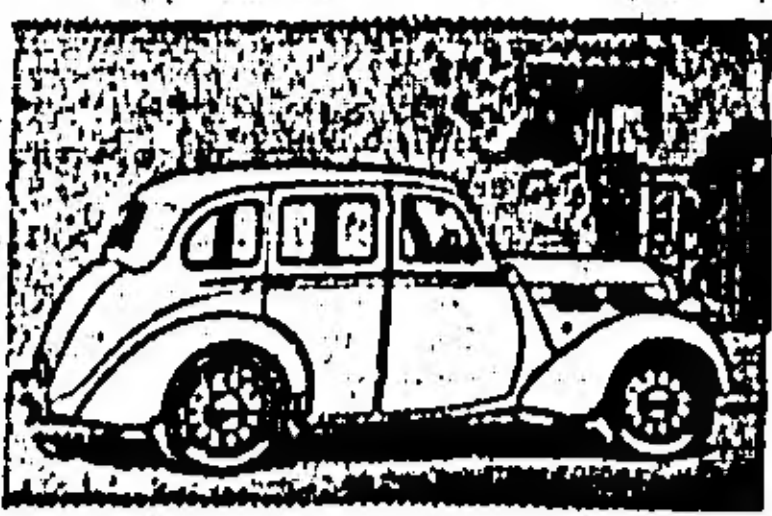
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HITLER ULTIMATUM TO VICHY REPORTED: SITUATION IS ACUTE

LONDON, Feb. 5 (REUTER).—HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO "AFI," THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY.

The Vichy Government is understood to be still trying to play for time to avoid a definite "Yes" or "No," but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

Nazis Lose Planes In Air Raids

Britain Visited &
Convoy Attacked
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—German planes were reported over northeast and southeast England, East Midlands and East Anglia to-day. Spitfires shot down a German Heinkel in flames over Margate and the crew was killed.

From Folkestone, it was reported that scores of R.A.F. planes participated in the sweep during the length of which it is assumed they penetrated far inland.

Heavy explosions were heard from the direction of Pas de Calais after which clouds of smoke were visible above the sea haze off the southeast coast. Exploding bombs were heard a considerable distance off the Kent coast.

It is reported that three German bombers were shot down into the sea while attacking a convoy off the southeast coast.

From Dublin, it is officially reported that a German plane crashed in the vicinity of Schull, County Cork and was completely wrecked. Five members of the crew were killed and the sixth member seriously injured.

Few Raiders Reach U.K.
LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Although there has been some enemy air activity over the east and south-east coast to-day, very few enemy aircraft have flown inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent, but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning.

Night Alarm
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—At 8 p.m. there was an air raid warning in the London area. Earlier, the anti-TURN to Back Page, Column 5

**Aeroplanes For
China**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox announced to-day that China has arranged for the purchase of 100 American aeroplanes. They had been seeking 500.

**Mediterranean Fleet
Taunts The Enemy**

Battleship of Mediterranean Fleet, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Undeterred by the new threat from the skies, Britain's powerful eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea. Taking up the gauntlet flung down by the Luftwaffe on the decks of the aircraft carrier Illustrious in an epic seven-hour duel last month, Commander-in-Chief Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air challenge has failed to hinder fleet activities. Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the central Mediterranean and light forces along the Libyan coast have maintained uninterrupted operations. Far from shrinking before the aerial

No information on to-day's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming. The Toulouse radio merely said that it was "very important."

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris either during to-night or to-morrow morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio.

NAZI RADIO THREATENS

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting this afternoon to hear Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, German pressure was again applied through the voice of the Stuttgart radio.

BRITISH ASSETS IN AMERICA Senator Byrne Refuted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Treasury has notified the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that three large British-owned industrial concerns—Lever Brothers, the American Viscose Corporation and the Dunlop Tyre Company—as well as smaller private holdings, were included in the list of assets which the British Government gave the Administration to show that it would soon outturn its dollar exchange for buying war supplies.

This information was made public in a letter to Senator Byrne which refuted a statement made on Tuesday by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

General Wood said that he did not believe that British interests in such large companies as those mentioned and in cotton plantations and other holdings, were listed.

Greeks Keep Up Pressure

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front. Many prisoners have been captured and great quantities of war material have fallen into Greek hands.

After fierce attacks, the Greeks captured another important height on the Kilsura front.

In a broadcast in the French language, the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"It," he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require facilities from France and impose much more severe peace terms."

Darlan Reports
LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The French Cabinet meeting under Marshal Petain to-day lasted two hours, ending at 3.20 p.m. G.M.T.

A communique issued after the meeting, according to the German official news agency, was confined to the statement that "Admiral Darlan reported on the conversations which he had had in Paris during the last few days. Subsequently the Ministers deliberated on general policy."

Why Laval Lost Post
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Laval lost his post in the French Government last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have the use of the French fleet and to occupy the French naval base at Bizerta, according to information received from Europe and well-informed diplomatic quarters here.

On Laval's return to the Cabinet, it is learned from the same source, Berlin is demanding the fulfilment of the agreement but Petain is unwilling to accede.

Chiang Sends Greetings To Currie

U.S. Envoy Interviewed

"On arrival at the airport yesterday I received the personal greetings of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek written in his own beautiful handwriting. The message was handed to me by the Generalissimo's personal representative, Dr. Hollington Tong," revealed Mr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's special envoy to Chungking during a Press conference in the American Consulate General to-day.

The message was written in Chinese.

"Needless to say I feel very deeply honoured, and the gesture may perhaps be interpreted as typical of the extremely close and cordial relations existing between the two countries at this time," he added.

**Cinemas Brought To
A.A. Gunners' Posts**

LONDON, Feb. 5 (British Wireless).—The generosity of the people of Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia, has provided a most welcome gift of a cinema van for the use of A.A. gunners in the U.K. The van, which will take amusement into many lonely gun emplacements, was handed over by the Colonial Under-Secretary to Sir Frederick Pile, who commands the A.A. Command.

S.-E. KWANGTUNG OPERATIONS

This map illustrates in detail the location of the latest Japanese drive in southeastern Kwangtung which was preceded by the landing of new troops in the Biao Bay area this week. Latest reports reveal that Tamshui has been captured and Shanyue in Mirs Bay, occupied.



Nazi Coast Bases Shattered By R.A.F. in Latest Aerial Attacks

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—A strong force of R.A.F. bombers protected by layers of scouting fighter planes carried out a daylight sweep of the snowbound coast of France this afternoon.

ITALIAN TARGETS PEPPERED

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. yesterday made repeated raids on Barce, Berka, Benina and Italian lines of communication to Benghazi.

Between Maraua and Barce, motor transport was heavily attacked and much damage was caused. The Barce railway station was also raided and three direct hits were registered on the track near the station. Hangars were hit at Berka and a large fire was started at Benina.

The R.A.F. communique from the Middle East announcing these operations says that British fighter TURN to Back Page, Column 5

During the attack, Spitfires patrolled the Channel coast to beat off any attempt at interception. The bombers passed over the cliffs between Dover and Deal in the direction of Calais at an altitude of 5,000 feet in close formation, their wing tips almost touching.

This was the second daylight sweep by the R.A.F. in four days over the territory in which the Germans are preparing for an invasion. The Straits were sunny after a snow shower at dawn.

Flames 200 Feet High
The Air Ministry in a report stated that flames leaped to 200 feet after a persistent R.A.F. attack on Brest last night.

They revealed that the R.A.F. struck at the U-boat and Luftwaffe bases at Bordenau where another oil store is believed to have been set afire. The attack on Merignac aerodrome, which is a bomber base, lasted over an hour and "was one of the most satisfactory operations of the night."

They claimed direct hits were made on objectives at Dunkirk and that several bursts of fire were seen in the docks areas at Dieppe and Dunkirk.

The R.A.F. raids last night were the most widespread on a large scale during the past fortnight and included attacks on Düsseldorf and the docks at Ostend in occupied France, as well as the docks at Cherbourg.

The Air Ministry admitted the loss of four R.A.F. planes. "Flares were seen to break out at Düsseldorf. A train in the neighbourhood burst into flames when high explosive bombs fell on two nearby rail junctions."

Cherbourg was raided twice. Targets in the docks including the repair TURN to Back Page, Column 5

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN IN ERITREA ADVANCE

KHARTOUM, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Some 1,500 prisoners, most of them white, have hitherto been taken by British forces pursuing the Italians retreating towards the Red Sea, south of Eritrea's only railway.

Much material has been abandoned by the enemy.

Italians Retreat On All E. African Fronts

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Urged on by British Imperial troops, Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi.

So far 400 stragglers have been captured says to-day's communique from British Headquarters in Cairo.

The communique also announces, "In Eritrea, British operations about Keren are developing successfully. Italian forces are retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biacundi and are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war materials, and vehicles. In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured."

In Abyssinia, the British advance eastwards on the Gondar road is also progressing while in the southern area, South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured.

British patrols in Italian Somaliland continued to be active in all sectors. One patrol yesterday attacked and captured an enemy post 45 miles inside the Italian frontier.

Three Questions
Mr. Knox asked:—How much in arrears are the payments of interest to British bondholders secured on Chinese Customs? Their position in relation to the Chinese Government?

Whether the Inspector General of the Chinese Customs can allocate Customs revenue without interference from the Japanese in occupied areas? Mr. Butler's written statement said that apart from amount allocated for the upkeep of the Customs establishment, Customs revenue collected in occupied areas is paid into Japanese-controlled banks, none of which remitted funds to the Inspector General for other purposes.

Consequently the Chinese Government decided from January 15, 1939, to suspend service loans secured on Customs and British bondholders had received no interest since.

**ITALIAN SHIPS
TORPEDOED**

HUNGARY, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Greek Radio announced that Greek warships had torpedoed two Italian ships.

The mechanised Sudan defence force is carrying out a pursuit which began with the capture of Barentu last week-end.

In the Umm Hagar area, near the Abyssinian frontier, large quantities of mechanised transport, some in good condition, are falling into British hands.

Contact is being made with the patriot army in the Walkit region in the north-west of Abyssinia. The enemy have laid minefields along the 80-mile road leading to Gondar from the Sudan, but British mobile units continue to make satisfactory progress.

Italian Post Captured
NAIROBI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Strong native African fighting patrols have successfully attacked and captured Beles Gogani, a defended Italian post inside the Italian Somaliland border, according to to-night's communique, which adds that pursuit of the enemy is being carried out.

See Back Page For Further Late News

China Coast Old Hand, Captain Best Dies

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Captain Abel Mardlan Best, whose death at the age of 82 was announced to-day, went to sea for over 60 years. Half of his service was off the China Coast.

Interviewed recently, he described Chinese pirates and dope-smugglers as a "plague compared with the bulls and bears of Wall Street."

After retirement he speculated on the New York Stock Market and lost his life-savings of nearly U.S.\$8,000, but he was not down-hearted and lived at the Royal Alfred Home for aged merchant seamen at Belvedere, Kent.

Born in India, he came to England at the age of two and was sent to sea in the New York at the age of 18. He spent 30 years in the Chinese Customs and skippered cargo boats running from Swatow, to Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok, and retired at the age of 73. He went to England in 1932 after finding that my share of dividends would not buy me a cup of tea a day.

Capt. Best had strong views on the international situation. "If I had my way, I'd treat some of these continental fellows like we used to treat Chinese dope-smugglers—hang 'em," he said.

Waterfront Favourite
"Captain Best is still remembered in Hongkong by those who were connected with the West River and East River shipping in the few years preceding 1932."

Master of ships which plied between Hongkong and Wuchow and Kowloon, he was a well-known figure on the local waterfront.

Although he was an old man, he was a sprightly figure and could talk for hours on Chinese pirates and dope-smugglers. He was a favourite with shipping reporters of those days to whom, over a drink or two, he used to tell lurid tales of smugglers on the China Coast, sometimes involving prominent personalities. None of these tales could be published, for each contained plenty of material for libel actions!

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RE-WED—Diego Rivera, Mexican revolutionary painter whose murals were tossed out of Rockefeller Center, New York, remarried to third wife, Frida Kahlo, also painter, in San Francisco. They're shown above. She divorced him year ago after ten years of married life.

LETTERS

Society For Protection Of Children

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—May I through the medium of your esteemed paper appeal to its many readers to give aid to a cause, which I am sure, is worthy of their consideration.

I refer to the Society for the Protection of Children. As many of your readers will recollect, Sir Aholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice of Hongkong, made a very stirring speech over the radio sometime ago asking the public to donate generously to this Society which I understand is sorely in need of funds to the extent of approximately \$28,000, to enable it to carry on for the current year.

I venture therefore to suggest through these columns, a method whereby this sum, or part of it, could possibly be raised towards helping a most deserving cause.

There are in Hongkong approximately 15,000 subscribers to the Hongkong Telephone Company and on each deposit made by these subscribers, a certain amount of interest is payable by the Company annually. If these subscribers or a large portion of them would only waive their interest, which could not be possibly more than 2 or 3 per cent, and donate same to the Society, I do not see why a substantial sum should not be raised.

Although I am fully aware that in Hongkong there are other Societies worthy of consideration yet, nevertheless, I earnestly hope that your many readers will give my suggestion their due support.

ONE KEY TO ONE WAY.

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Continuing the expansion of Japan's air transport service overseas, the Japan Airways Company is inaugurating next spring a new air service between Taihoku in Formosa and Palao in the Japanese Mandated Islands in the South Seas.

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By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

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R. A. CAMIDGE,
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Passengers who arrived at Hongkong yesterday aboard the President Cleveland, complained that owing to delay they were kept on board the liner for 3½ hours by the Immigration Officers' examination.

They said that the liner berthed at 8.45 a.m. at Kowloon wharf, and that the Hongkong Police boarded the liner promptly at 9 a.m. to examine the ship's papers. However, no Immigration Officer boarded the liner until 10.15 a.m. and passengers were not allowed to leave until 11.30 a.m. Two Immigration Officers carried out the examination.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Reginald Foort at the Organ.

1.13 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Beethoven Programme.

7.00 C. Major, Op. 49, No. 2; 1st Mov. Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov. Tempo di Menuetto.

7.03 Arthur Schnabel (Piano); Menuetto and Trio (3rd Movement) from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21. The R.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

7.10 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra (Soprano).

"La Belle Helene"—Selection (Offenbach). Marek Weber and His Orchestra; My Lovely Celia (Monro, arr. Lane Wilson). Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano; Menuetto No. 1 (Paderewski); Coeur Brise (Gillet). Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Don't Be Cross (Zeller); Nightingale Song (Zeller).

7.40 Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Mighty Lark (A Rose (Nevin)). Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Luna Waltz (Lincke). Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos.

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8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Half an hour of Light Opera Selections.

"The Sorcerer"—Selection (Sullivan); "Trial By Jury" Selection (Sullivan); Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards; "The Arcadians" (Monckton); The Pipes of Pan; Arcady is Ever Young; Winnie Melville (Soprano) w. Orchestra; "Student Prince"—Selection; "The Vagabond King"—Selection; Henry Cloudbond (Organ); "A Country Girl"—Selection (Monckton). London Theatre Orch.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

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11.00 Close down.

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STIMSON CORRECTS A MISTAKE

Manchukuo Policy Of Britain

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—

In giving evidence before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on January 29, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the U.S. Secretary for War, made some interesting remarks about the policy of the British Government regarding Manchukuo.

In reply to questions, he said that his book on the subject had been far too widely and sweepingly interpreted as condemnation of the British Government, who had made a long and, to some extent, effective effort resulting in juridical condemnation of Japan by the League of Nations.

He went into this point now only because Great Britain had so many times been mistakenly criticised, with his apparent authority, by people who had not read his book.

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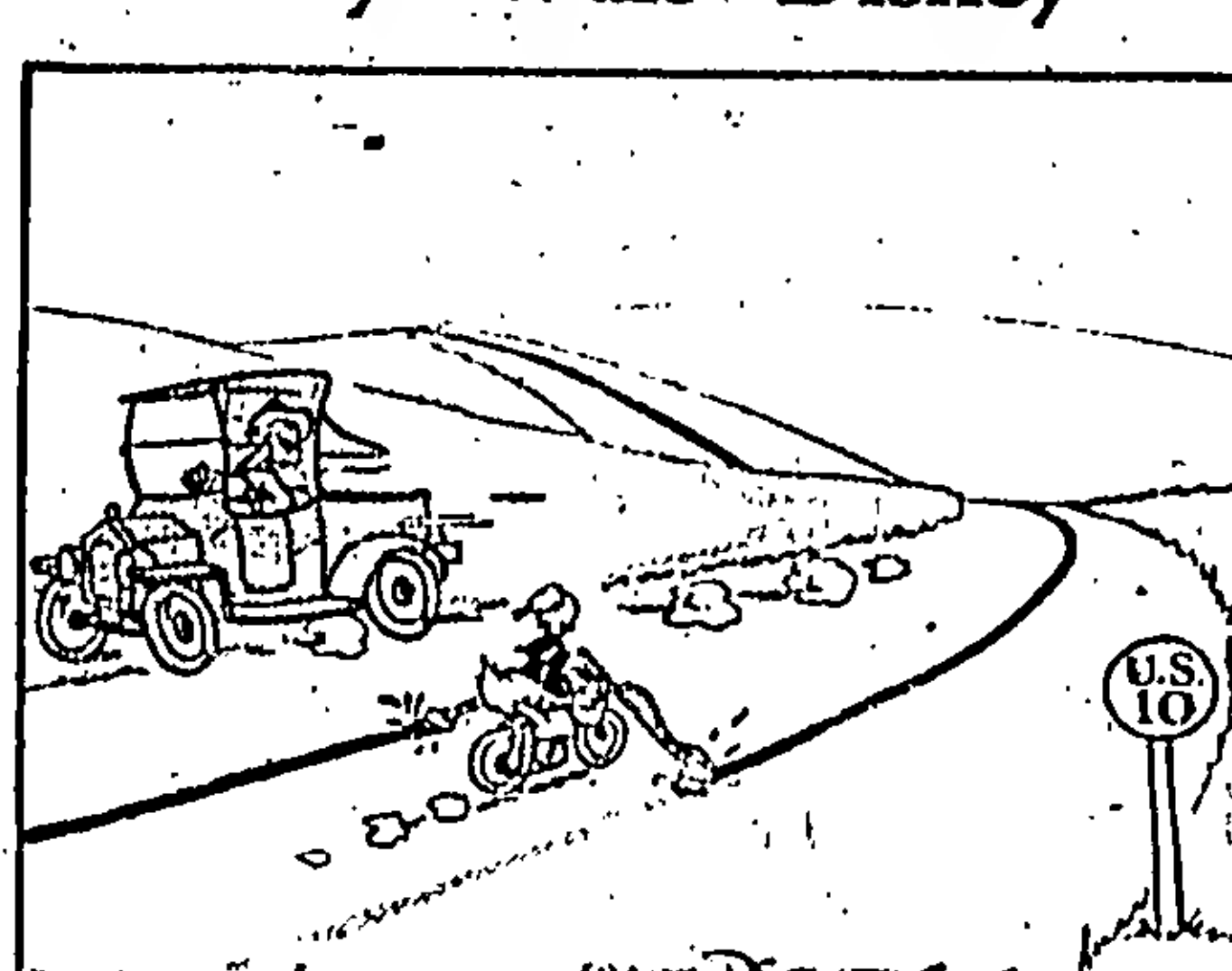
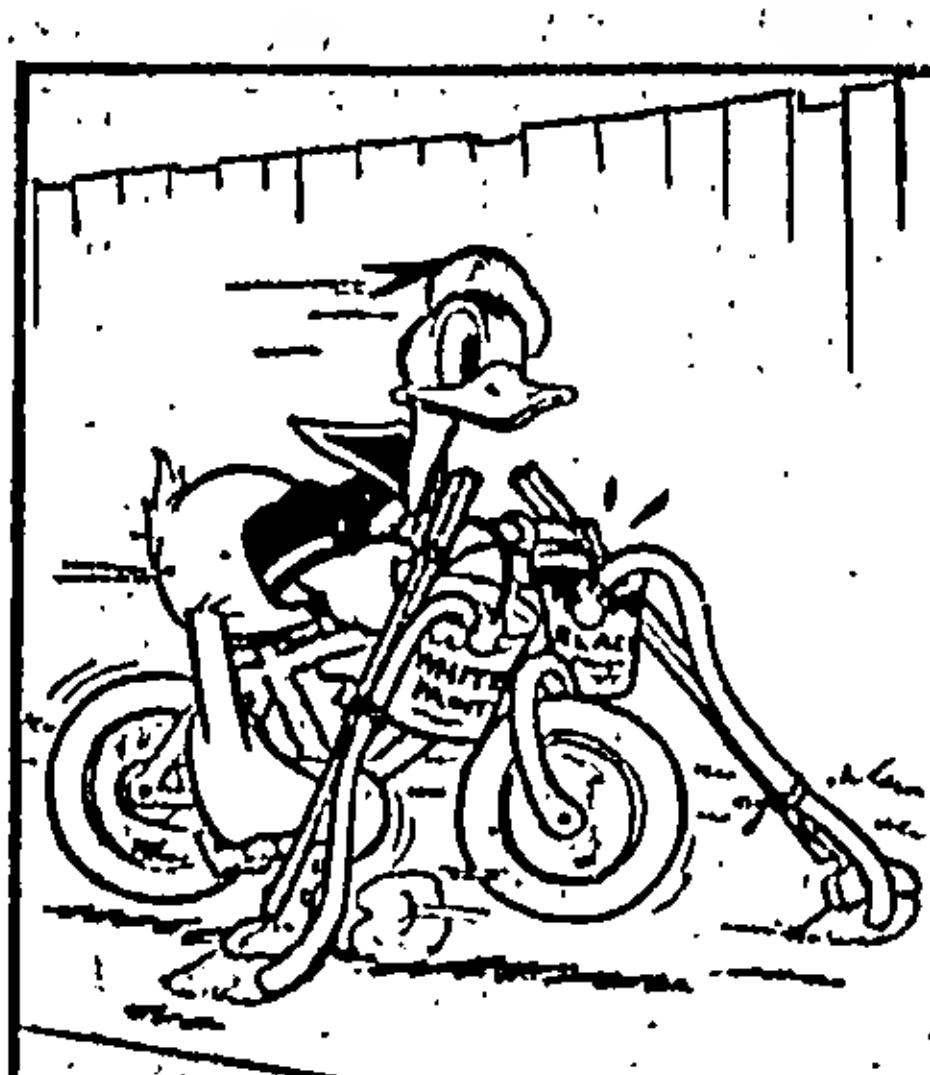
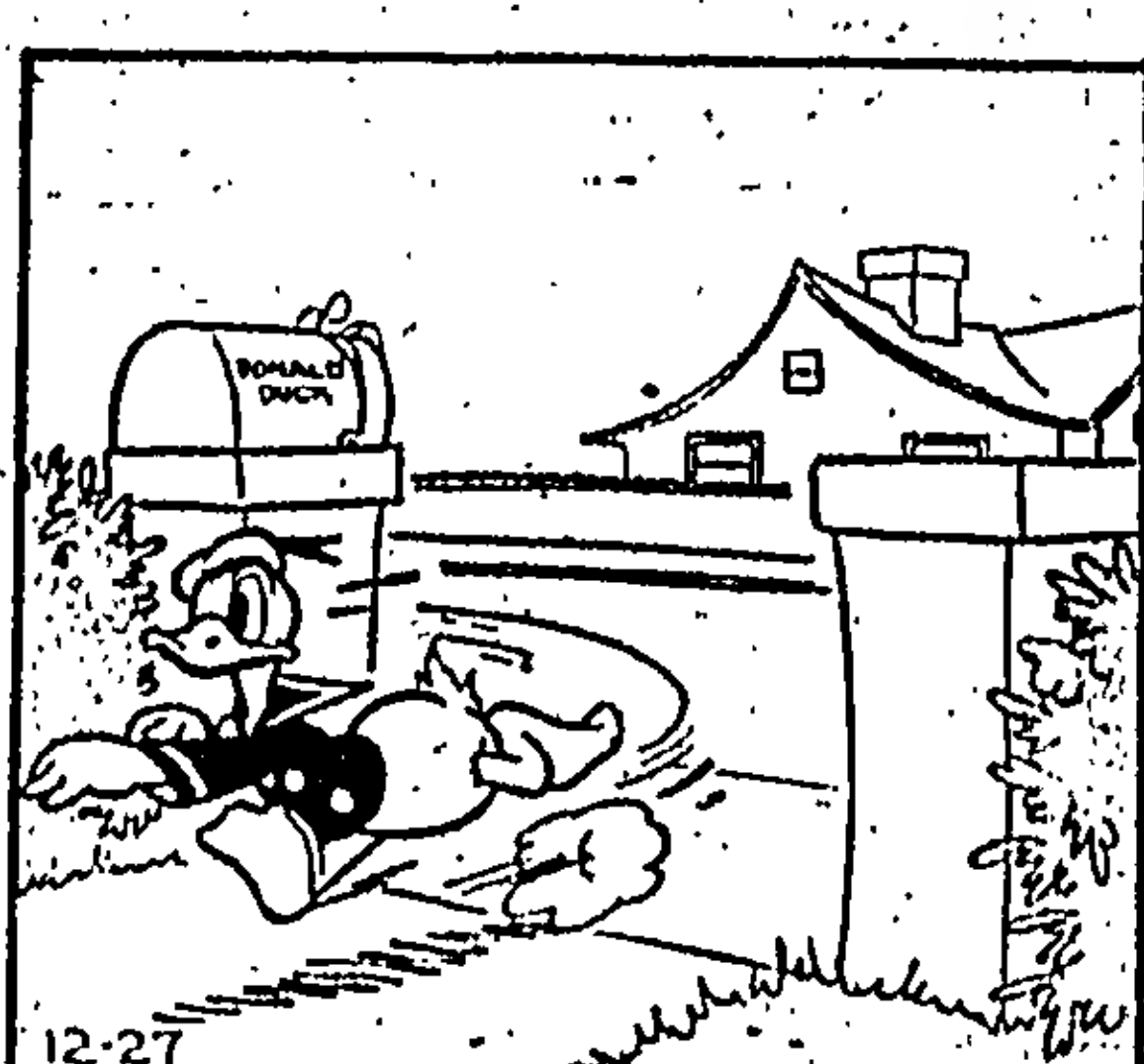
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HOW IT FEELS TO JUMP THREE MILES

SATURDAY was not such a successful day from my point of view, as on our third patrol I lost my aircraft.

We were at about 21,000ft. when we got involved with a squadron of Messerschmitt 109's. They got me even before I saw them, which was very annoying.

I first felt a curious sort of bump, and as I turned to see what was up my controls felt funny; a lot of red sparks and black smoke appeared around my feet, and a cloud of white smoke—probably glycol—began streaming back from the engine.

The aircraft began going downhill fast. I slid back the hood and began to get out; my goggles were whipped off, and my helmet began to lift up in the slip stream.

I realised I had not undone my straps, so I pulled out the retaining pin and stood up, standing on anything which came handy (the seat, the instrument panel, or the stick, I don't really know). The air seized hold of me, and there was a wrench as my oxygen tube snapped off (I had forgotten to undo it), and I shot out into the sky.

The aeroplane disappeared.

It was nice and cool falling. I was head down, of course, but found the position quite comfortable. There was no sense of speed, or any feeling of falling.

I had a look at the clouds below me (they were at about

BY THE PILOT OF A SHOT-DOWN HURRICANE

HOW it feels to jump from a blazing fighter plane three miles up is described here in a letter from a Hurricane pilot who had to bale out—Flying Officer Ralph Hope, a nephew of the late Mr Neville Chamberlain.

4,000-5,000ft.), and then collected the odd bits of my helmet and had a look round.

My parachute was still on my seat. Both my boots were on, and I didn't seem to have lost anything except my goggles, a handkerchief and map. They must have fallen out of the pockets in my knees when I first went upside down.

After a while I thought about pulling the rip-cord. I seemed to have fallen a goodish way, so I pulled. The canopy streamed out, there was a hard jerk, and there I was right side up, quite comfortable, and floating slowly—oh, so slowly—earthwards.

I was at about 9,000ft. to 10,000ft. then, so I had fallen for about 8,000ft.-9,000ft. (from about 18,000ft.), and might have fallen farther with advantage.

When I looked up I could see the shining white canopy above me, and little silver specks having no end of a dog fight in the

clear blue sky. A Spitfire dived down past me with a high-pitched whine, but that was the only disturbance.

The parachute began to swing me about and it was not long before I felt sick—very sick, in fact, by the time I landed.

It was fun going into the clouds as the sun played a sort of "spectre of the broken" effect on my shadow as I approached them. When I emerged, the countryside looked pleasantly open, and after drifting quite a way I thought I saw where I should land.

Two farm hands had the same idea. We were all wrong. In spite of attempts on my part to avoid it, I came down in a spliny of young oak trees, pulling up short about 20ft. from the ground, hanging in my harness.

I managed to get hold of a trunk, pull myself over to it, get out of the parachute harness, and climb to the ground, where I remained quite still until I was found.

The Army soon took charge of me, gave me a drink and some lunch, and drove me back to my base.

The only damage I sustained was a hefty bruise on my right shoulder from hitting the tail as I jumped, and a bruise on my leg and a torn finger from the somewhat unceremonious descent through the upper branches of the oak.

Now I go about with my arm in a sling, feeling particularly good as I have been given a week's sick leave.

ON his first patrol, after returning to duty, Flying Officer Hope was killed—he stayed too long in his crippled Hurricane, he stayed long enough to make sure the machine would not crash on buildings, but too long to enable him to jump to safety.

His father's photograph is now one of the cherished records of his unit, No. 605 (County of Warwick Auxiliary) Squadron of the R.A.F. Fighter Command.

TURKS READY FOR BIG MOVE

By FRANK O'BRIEN

ISTANBUL.

GERMANY'S big problem of the moment is to keep Turkey out of the war.

To succeed in this, she must forfeit some of her aims in the Balkans. Hitler must restrain his desire to march through Bulgaria to help his ally Mussolini in the campaign against Greece.

For Turkey has given a categorical assurance that any move from Bulgaria into Greece means that Turkey enters the war against the Axis.

I have been told that "measures of the utmost importance will be taken by Turkey in the near future."

This statement was not made by extremists, but by responsible people in legislative circles here.

No Mobilisation

The same sources added that this should not be taken as meaning a declaration of war.

Turkey, to-day, is completely prepared for war in every respect. But general mobilisation is considered as unlikely for the present.

Looking at the general Balkan situation from here, it seems reasonable to assume that Germany will avoid a direct move through Bulgaria unless forced to it by a complete Italian failure.

Yet there are many competent observers who take the view that continued Greek resistance will force Hitler to act.

Germany is known to have over a million troops concentrated in south-east Europe ready to strike. If these troops march through Bulgaria to the Greek frontier, Turkey has made it quite plain that she will oppose them.

But it is possible that Germany and Italy will collaborate in a move through Yugoslavia against Greece, and in that event Turkey's attitude is uncertain.

Soviet Warning

Hitler may take advantage of the persistent disunity of the Yugoslavs to enter their country and progress from there to the aid of his Italian ally in Greece.

Russia's attitude to the whole Balkan situation is uncertain, but there are many reports which indicate that she wants to help the small nations against Germany.

For example, Russia is said to have given the present Greek authorities evidence of a Fifth Column plot to dethrone King George of Greece and to set up a regime more favourable to the Axis.

On this information, the Greek authorities were able to act.

Other reports, this time from Bucharest, say that Russia warned Bulgaria that any attempt to further German desires in the Balkans would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

Germany is said to be aware of this Russian attitude and for that reason is more likely to move through Yugoslavia to Italy's aid in Greece than through Bulgaria.

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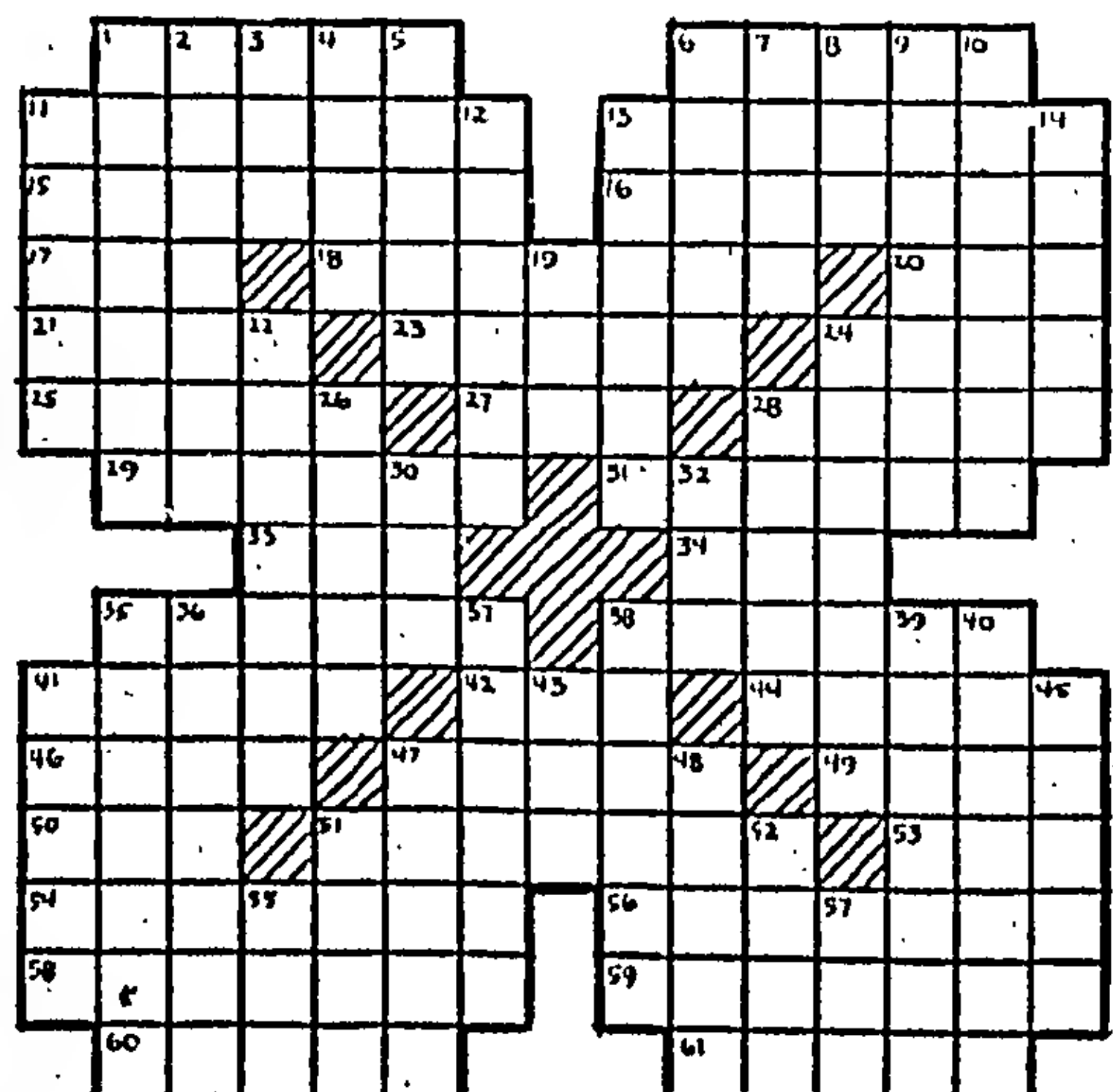
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1—Active upon meeting time
 - 2—Cavalry weapon
 - 3—Smoothed, as feathers
 - 4—Addressed scandalous language to
 - 5—Cool-headed vertebrate
 - 6—Obvious
 - 7—Auditory organ
 - 8—Sound by promise
 - 9—Up to right
 - 10—Blat
 - 11—Spread over
 - 12—Youth employed as Captain
 - 13—Long day
 - 14—Driest of coal
 - 15—Tilted back
 - 16—Choose by vote
 - 17—Southern constellation
 - 18—Gilt's name
 - 19—Spectacular ability
 - 20—One who trades
 - 21—Palmer
 - 22—Order to action
 - 23—Metal-bearing veins
 - 24—Collection of cattle
 - 25—Wide
 - 26—Drive for measuring length
 - 27—Period of time
 - 28—One who leaves
 - 29—Sound of crow
 - 30—Herald-shaped
 - 31—Take rise
 - 32—Tactical systems
- DOWN
- 1—One who pays for entertainment
 - 2—Admonish
 - 3—Blill
 - 4—Cut with short stroke
 - 5—Iterated
 - 6—Cut
 - 7—Sally
 - 8—Offer
 - 9—Puzzling sense of beauty
 - 10—Falls to follow suit
 - 11—Newspaper
 - 12—Considered
 - 13—Destitute royalty
 - 14—Pilot
 - 15—Silver in North Wales
 - 16—Provision with Paris
 - 17—Provision of building
 - 18—Deaf passages
 - 19—Awarded for noteworthy accomplishment
 - 20—Tall falsehood
 - 21—Cakes of wine
 - 22—Illious each
 - 23—Call into court in answer to indictment
 - 24—Drum monotonously
 - 25—Dream feverish
 - 26—Teach
 - 27—Accounts particulars
 - 28—Bliss
 - 29—Satisfied item
 - 30—One who opens to full size
 - 31—Devil
 - 32—Large volume
 - 33—Genius of amphibian
 - 34—Por phame
 - 35—Short sleep



FAMILY LIFE IN LONDON'S TUBES IS NEAR NORMAL

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

I'M a fairly equable person, I think, but twice recently I had moments when I could have cheerfully slain two of my fellow women. Mothers, too, they were.

The first time was when, with another journalist, I was making a tour of the London tubes to report on conditions there. A woman with a tired-eyed, pallid little boy said: "Oh, if only they'd have compulsory evacuation. His brother is in the country and quite happy, but his father and I feel we want this one with us for company. We know we ought to send him, and if we had no choice we should have our minds made up for us, shouldn't we?"

I thought of the mothers who had sent their teeth and sent their children off on the long journey overseas to safety. And I made no reply, though I should have liked to.

Weary Mite

The second time was when I was travelling by tube through London in the early evening on my way back from the country. I nearly fell over a bored, weary, unhappy mite of five who, with no toys to divert her mind, was sitting and grizzling.

Her mother looking up from a magazine, administered a hearty slap to the child and went back to her reading.

By sheer luck, I had a rag book and some toys in my bag. They had been intended for a depot in London, but the book, and a fascinating elephant that waggled its head when you pushed it, were left with the baby, who promptly subsided in a passion of interest.

In The Basket

For the most part, the families who take shelter on platforms every night are sensibly and cleverly adapting themselves to conditions.

Small children, and older ones too, have their toys and their books, for boredom is one of the enemies we've got to fight in this

war and most mothers seem to realise it. One evening I noticed a small baby comfortably asleep in a big market basket which had been fitted with a pillow and a couple of tiny light blankets. There he lay, protected from the cold of the floor and the draughts of the tunnel.

In the morning his mother told me her 16-year-old son and she carry the basket home between them so that the child remains in the same comfortable relaxed position. I thought this an excellent notion, which might well be adopted for general use when travelling with a young child.

"Soup For Us"

Another little group was thoroughly enjoying supper—but they weren't drinking tea which nearly every family seems to take in vacuum flasks.

"It's soup for us," said the jolly buxom woman, obviously the mother of the family. "I make it from bones and let it simmer on the hob. Then, when we're ready to start, I pop the saucepan (which isn't a very big one) into a wooden box, which is lined with straw and then with flannel, and has a straw-lined cushion on top: tied down with string, and two of the kids carry it between them. With bits of meat in it and vegetables and such-like, it's as good as a meal and all we want until the morning."

"Mrs Alf"

It was from a second family that I learned of a new use for tea-leaves. I had decided to make a dash for it, but the noise outside was terrific, so I wandered back into the depth of the tube and stood there uncertainly. Suddenly I heard a voice: "Wouldn't

like a cup of tea, lady, would you? We've got an extra one."

I sat gratefully down on the platform. "You must have read my thoughts," I said. "This is good of you."

"Well, you kinder looked sorry for yourself," said the owner of the voice, a thin, brisk looking woman, who talked to me, fed two children, and poured out tea all at once. She smiled cheerfully. "Alf," she turned to a quiet man with a large moustache and amazingly kind eyes—"You wipe out your cup for the lady." Which Alf silently did.

When I'd finished I said: "You must drink all your ration."

Alf nodded like a mandarin, and Mrs Alf replied: "We do, we drink lots, but we use the leaves again. Oh, not for drinking," she added hastily, seeing the surprised look on my face. "For polishing. I do all the house over with it. Like this . . . you collect all leaves every week and then pour on some boiling water—about a quart, say—and leave it a bit. Then you pour the liquid into a bottle. Why, I polish furniture with it, and it acts grand. The neighbours say you can see your face in my windows. You ask Alf."

"In No Time"

She paused and an extraordinary look of surprise came over her face. "Leastways," she added hastily, "You could. But two days ago a bomb went off in the road, and the house is a bit upset now."

Her shoulders suddenly slumped and she leaned, a trifle forlornly, against the wall. Then she straightened herself firmly and looked at Alf. "But the gentleman said we can go back to-morrow and we'll soon have it ship-shape again, won't we?" Her gaze sought her husband's anxiously, as though begging for confirmation.

Alf's kind eyes rested affectionately on her face, and for the first time he spoke. "That's right, old lady," he said, "In no time at all."

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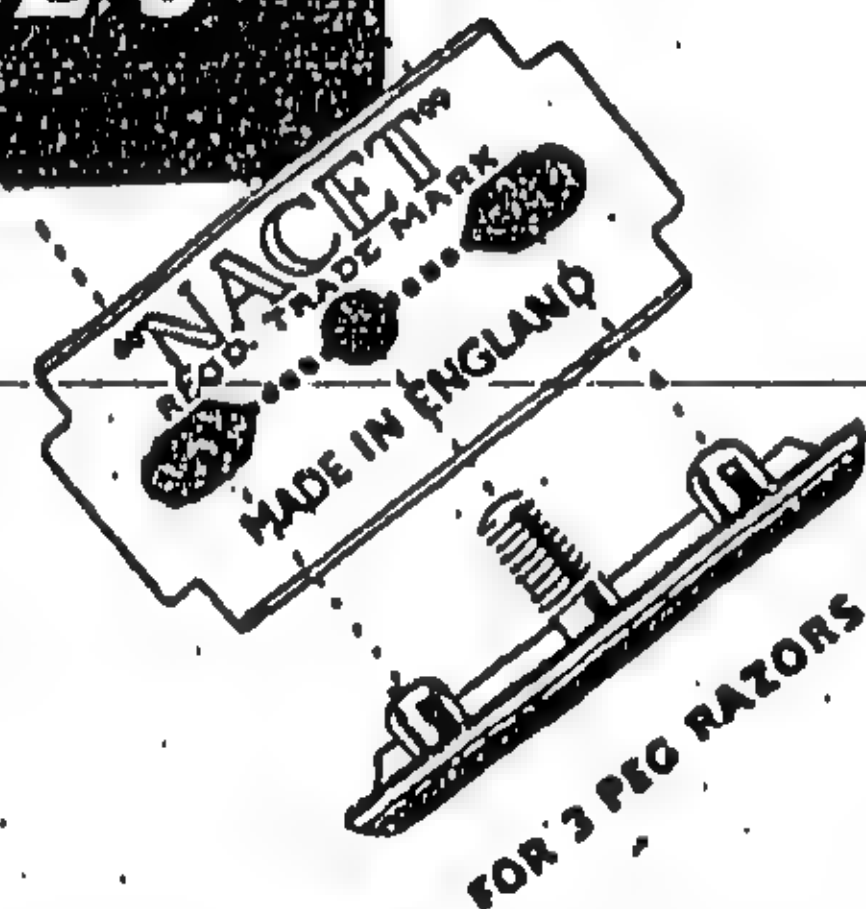
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JAPANESE MANOEUVRES

THE Japanese operation in Honan and Hupeh, the manoeuvre in southeastern Kwangtung, and the reported despatch of further troops to Saigon suggest an urgent desire on the part of the military leaders to take the sting out of Mr Matsuo's recent admission of difficulties in the China campaign, rather than being an integral part of a carefully planned objective. The three movements may contain significant pointers, but these are not obvious.

It is difficult to appreciate precisely what the Japanese expect to accomplish in the latest Honan venture, except that carefully phrased official communications on the action may go a long way towards justifying, in the eyes of the Japanese public, the continued existence of huge invading armies in China. What does remain incontestable is the fact that the Japanese are finding it necessary to indulge in such a widespread offensive in an area which they are supposed to have had under their control for two years. It gives new emphasis to the oft-repeated Chinese claim, (several times supported by neutral observers), that the Japanese are incapable of controlling areas beyond the railway lines and the main roads. Is this offensive too, the militarists' method of carrying out Mr Matsuo's desire for "pacifying" the Chinese farmers?

The southeastern Kwangtung engagement has, perhaps, more point to it. The Japanese declare that the road from Shanyueh to Waihow has now become ever more important than the Burma highway for the transporting of materials to Free China, and the avowed purpose of the latest manoeuvre, which constitutes a pincer movement from the Waihow area and the Hongkong border, is to stop the alleged traffic. The peculiar feature about the whole thing is, however, that this smuggling was ever allowed to attain such proportions. One answer is suggested by the fact that entirely fresh troops are being employed in this clean-up; time will show how effectively the new broom sweeps.

The strategical importance of Waihow vis-a-vis the Kwangtung-Hongkong border is well known, but there is nothing to indicate at the moment that the latest Japanese expedition is based on ulterior motives. It is possible important materials are getting into Free China via Kwangtung, and from a purely militaristic viewpoint, it would not have been surprising if the Japanese had taken action before.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE Spit And Polish

Further extracts from
the diary of a journalist
who is now a soldier.

THE man they call Meanie looks up from a brown belt which he has just taken to pieces, and says: "Can somebody lend me a dab of polish?"

"The Man from Yorkshire says 'No.' The Kid from Widnes sticks out his lower lip and says 'Ha!' Old Silence throws over his tin and says nothing.

"Come Christmas," says Ginger, "we'll whip round and buy you a tin."

"Spit an' polish!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "What I mean to say, we come 'ere to fight, not do blinkin' 'ousework. See?"

"My boots is that greasy," says the Man from Leicester.

"Greasy!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "I've used up three tins of polish on this pair already, and stone me blind, if I 'ad a brace an' bit. I could bore a 'ole and run-put a pailful o' ruddy grease."

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"Ah," says the Man from Leicester. "Look at what you've got to do. Just look. Get both pair o' boots like patent leather. And the boots is full o' grease, like you says. Cap-bndge has got to sparkle till it nigh blinds you."

"So's you're belt-buckles and all them twiddly bits o' brass on them leggings, that pack, an' that bloomie's great sackful o' straps in webbing."

"Everything's got to be like a jewellery shop winder. And that roifle! Blimey, that roifle!"

"Sergeant says, You're roifle's you're best friend. Well, I reckon it's you're worst enemy, the way it gets you into trouble."

The Lad from the Elephant says, "You want a whole day to do your shining in, if you get what I mean, to get ready for the next day. It'd be okay by me if you didn't 'ave to sleep at night."

The Good Soldier Phillips says: "Nark it. You don't know what spit-and-polish means, you don't. Once you've got a good groundwork on your boots, you can shine 'em in ten minutes. That goes for your brasses, too."

"What're you grousing about? What've you got to clean? Your rifle. All right. You'll need to keep that clean, to save your own ruddy lives."

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"Apart from that, what? You're in battle dress now; well, that means eight little bits o' brass on your gaiters, a badge, and two little buttons on your cap. That's nothing."

"I admit there's a bit o' Blanco-ing to do on your webbing, but you don't do your packs every day, do you?"

"What d'you want? Ruddy batmen to do it for you? Charwomen running after you, or something?"

"Say you was in the cavalry and had to polish a ruddy horse before breakfast. Eh? You've got to keep yourselves clean. Ain't you got no self-respect?"

"Do you want to walk about in tripe? With baggy breeches and rusty rifles?"

"You're given equipment: you got to keep it in good order. Because if it ain't clean, it's tripey equipment. See?"

"So get on with the shining parade if you want to go to the N.A.A.F.I. to-night. Go on! Shine!"

"Excuse me," says Meanie to his neighbour. "D'you mind spitting on these boots for me? I been eating 'toffee."

"First 'e borrows polish. Now 'e borrows spit," says the Lad from the Elephant.

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HAMM—AND EGGS

(Our bombers successfully attacked marshalling yards at Hamm—official communiqué almost any day.)

Shake Up Our Diplomats!

By
**W. N.
EWER**

THIS is a total war. It is a SEEM TO MATTER VERY military war and a naval war and an air war and an economic war—and a diplomatic war.

They never get thoroughly shaken up. They very rarely get removed, however inefficient they are.

How often does an Ambassador or Minister get a thorough good wiggling from the Secretary of State?

It is all too easy-going, all too slipshod.

If we had run the fighting services in the same happy-go-lucky way. Hitler would be dining in Buckingham Palace this evening.

The root of the whole trouble is that the service is still haggard by nineteenth century traditions.

I don't mean the "old school tie" tradition. There is quite a lot of about: although it is mere burlesque to allege that the men in the Foreign Office and the Embassies and the Legations are all a lot of monocled snobs.

MODERNISE IT!

There are very few of that type. There are far more conscientious officials—some able, some not—working, many of them very hard, for pretty poor pay.

But the whole system has never been overhauled and modernised.

Of course, there have been reforms—the institution of commercial attaches and secretaries and counsellors and of Press attaches, for example. Still, the diplomatic side goes on pretty much in the old way.

An Ambassador will see now and again the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister of the Government to which he is accredited. He will move about in Government circles.

Some of his junior staff, especially the keener ones, will make other "contacts" and do what they can to get useful information and to put our case.

But there is nothing like enough of it. Zeal is not enough encouraged. Lassitude is not enough rebuked.

Rarely, as I say, does an Ambassador get told off for sending infrequent or inadequate reports. He may easily get a reminder that he is spending too much money on telegrams.

STARVED

One answer, indeed, which the diplomats can make to a charge of inefficiency is that the service is starved.

Its importance has never been properly realised. In the old conditions a small staff was quite sufficient. Staffs remain small though conditions have changed.

A British Minister may (this is no exaggeration) have a staff of a dozen, while his German rival has nearly a hundred.

And the German, too, will have the services of perhaps a score of "newspaper correspondents" who send curiously little news to their papers but who call regularly every morning at the Embassy.

He may have at his call also a score of business representatives who seem to do curiously little business.

The upshot of it all is that from almost all countries the German Foreign Office is getting far fuller and far better information about things that matter than our Foreign Office secures.

The Nazis see to it that their men are efficient; they see to it that they are well staffed. They have their diplomatic eyes and ears everywhere.

They work hard and spend lavishly to spread German influence and German propaganda.

They have realised the importance of the diplomatic weapon and the importance of seeing that it is a hundred per cent. efficient.

We do not. We make blunder after blunder for sheer lack of information.

IN THE DARK

We are taken by surprise because we are working in the dark.

We lose opportunity after opportunity through sheer lack of drive, through using the easy-going methods of the old world amid the tempo of the new.

We shall go on fighting Germany in the diplomatic field with one hand tied behind our back until our whole diplomatic service from top to bottom is shaken up and weeded out and overhauled and made to understand what is wanted of it in the new conditions.

We must have good men and enough of them to do the job. And we shall not have an efficient diplomatic service until (among other things) we are prepared to pay for it.

IT IS A BIG JOB, AND EASY ONE. BUT IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE—AND WITHOUT DELAY—IF WE ARE NOT TO BE REPEATEDLY OUTMANOEUVRED BY RIBBENTROP'S MEN.

S. HONAN BATTLE

Chinese Claim Victories

LAOHOKOW, Feb. 5 (Central News).—Under heavy Chinese pressure large Japanese units engaged in the northward drive in south Honan are retreating south-eastward. Chengyang, a strategic city about 30 miles north-west of Loshan, which was lost on January 26, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

Some 3,000 Japanese to the north-east of Nanyang to the west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway were today heavily attacked by the Chinese. About 700 of them were incapacitated while the rest fled to Tangho, south-east of Nanyang.

Unit Annihilated

A Japanese unit to the south-east of Wuyang, about 30 miles west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway was annihilated while the Japanese retreating from Fangcheng, 40 miles south-west of Wuyang, are being hotly pursued by the Chinese.

As a result of the counter-offensive in the Taihu regions on the Chekiang-Kiangsu border, the Chinese have recaptured more than ten strategic points and have severely damaged Japanese communication lines. Japanese communication between Chang-hing and Iling, principal towns on the Taihu banks, has been totally disrupted.

The so-called mopping-up operations of the Japanese have thus ended in complete failure. Indictive of Japanese losses, several truck-loads of Japanese dead were seen to have been sent back to Wukang.

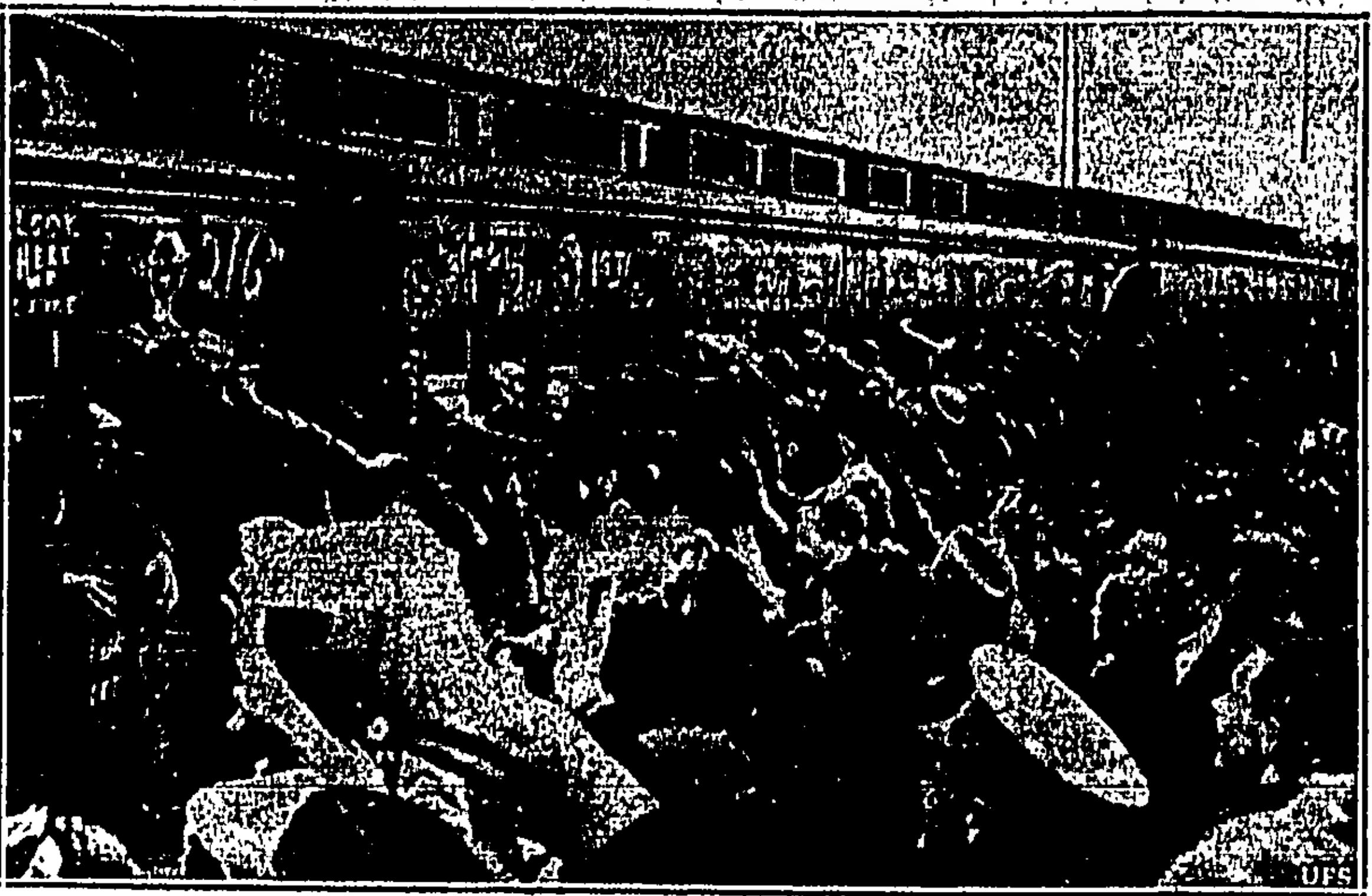
CALCUTTA, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—Both the Italian prisoners who escaped yesterday have been captured.

HELP FOR GASTRITIS VICTIMS

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TO WAR ZONE—Australian soldiers bound for war zone take leave of relatives and friends at Sydney, en route to embarkation port. Train is chalked with jests.

Spaniards Revive Anti-British Sentiments

MADRID, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—A threatening tone is used by the Spanish newspaper, "Arriba," to-day in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far the Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive enemies who have put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds, "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag. The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace prudent defence if we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere, are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in press and speech during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage.

U.S. CARGO FLEET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The House of Representatives today accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships, and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$315,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels.

Tinplate Limited

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Minister of Supply, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tinplate would be progressively reduced some 25 per cent below the level at which the industry had recently been operating.

Cuba Is Again At Peace

HAVANA, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—President Batista has issued a decree restoring the constitutional guarantee of Cuba which he suspended on Tuesday morning when he took swift action against an alleged attempt to overthrow him and deposed the chiefs of the armed forces and other officers.

Czechs Hide Food Stocks From Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—A large scale shortage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London.

The message says that last year a quarter of a million pigs, calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat were prevented from reaching Germany. Some 13,000 tons of grain were successfully hidden.

No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear that this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in the panic. New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months' imprisonment.

DRIVE TO BENGHAZI Little Opposition

H.Q., Middle East, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Italian retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at a rate twenty or thirty miles daily.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties. With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago. British troops who are following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi are meeting with little opposition. The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway is presumably the next British objective. Though Appolonia, near Cyrene has not been mentioned in the British communiqué, it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

Manchukuo Observance

HSINKING, Feb. 6 (Reuters).—Towns in Manchukuo will be belagged to-day on the occasion of the Emperor's 36th birthday. Government offices will celebrate all day. The holiday is observed by several appropriate ceremonies.

In the morning the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace.

India's Voice Will Be Heard

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—An order has been placed in England for a 100 kilowatt transmitter for the All-India Radio. The transmitter, which will be one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed in Delhi.

The preliminary work such as selecting a site, etc., is progressing and it is expected that the new station which will be audible all over the world, will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa, the Far East and the Middle East.

"REUTER" HEAD RETIRES

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—After being head of "Reuter" for the last quarter of a century, and having completed 40 years of service with the Company, Sir Frederick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day made a downward drift and was dull, but closed steeper under the leadership of gilt-edged securities which rallied on renewed institutional buying.

Industrials were rather heavy and home-rails had a pause, but Kaffirs were steadily held. Oils occasionally improved.

Japanese bonds were inclined to harden and speculative buying of European bonds was again in evidence.

Wall Street was firm.

Devonshire Or Harlech To Replace Lord Lloyd

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd, who died yesterday, is complicated by the fact that besides being Secretary for the Colonies he was also Leader of the House of Lords.

The only other Secretary of State in the House of Lords is Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, and he is a new recruit.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, will be recalled to take over both positions, but others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the House of Lords so the present vacancy must be filled by a Peer.

SERVANT TO RICH WIFE

Mr Milbourne Silvester, Stamford Brook, W., who gave up his position as manager of licensed premises to do the housework for his rich wife, was left £1 a week by her will. He applied in the Chancery Division recently under the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act, 1938, to increase the amount to £5 a week.

His counsel said he was 42 when the marriage took place nearly 27 years ago. He lived on amicable terms with his wife at Hove, until her death last February. She had no servant and the husband, besides doing all the housework, attended to her during several illnesses, as she refused to have a nurse.

Mrs Silvester left about £10,000. She gave certain legacies, annuities of £104 to her sister and brother, and the residue to the National Lifeboat Institution, Dr Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army.

Mr Justice Farwell directed that Mr Silvester should have an additional £3 a week, making in all £4 a week, free of duty.

WELDING METAL TO GLASS

Welding metal to glass, a process which for years has been the dream of scientists all over the world, has at last been perfected—by a British firm.

"The soldering of metal to glass," said an official of the firm at St Helens, Lancashire, "has been the dream of glass technologists for years."

"By combining the use of specially toughened glass and aluminium, and having overcome the technical difficulties of spraying, the process is now a practical one."

"It has already been used for making electric heaters by spraying aluminium in the form of wire in a zig-zag pattern on to the specially heated glass. These 'glass-heaters' have been tested over a long period and have emerged satisfactorily."

"The process is also being used for soldering metal discs or bolts on to glass."

Opportunity Missed By Hitler

Speaking at Ipswich recently, Sir Neville Henderson, former Ambassador in Berlin, said: "I think the one person who regretted Munich more than anyone else was Hitler. He thought he had missed an opportunity, and I think he did."

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Neville said, tried to do his utmost regardless of himself to bring Europe back to recognition and rectification of past errors. It was a single-handed effort on the part of a man who was over 70.

No Spitfires Then

"I do not know whether the critics of Mr. Chamberlain realize that on September 23, 1935, we did not possess any Spitfires, we had only one or two experimental Hurricanes, and only seven modern A. A. guns for the defence of London, out of 400 estimated as the minimum necessary. Germany could have dropped 2,000 bombs a day on London, and we could have given no reply."

"I would like to ask Mr. Chamberlain's critics, realizing what cards he held in his hand, what they could have done either to avert or delay war. Mr. Chamberlain failed in his immediate objective, but to the end of his life he did not have one twinge of conscience."

Electrocuted In Shelter

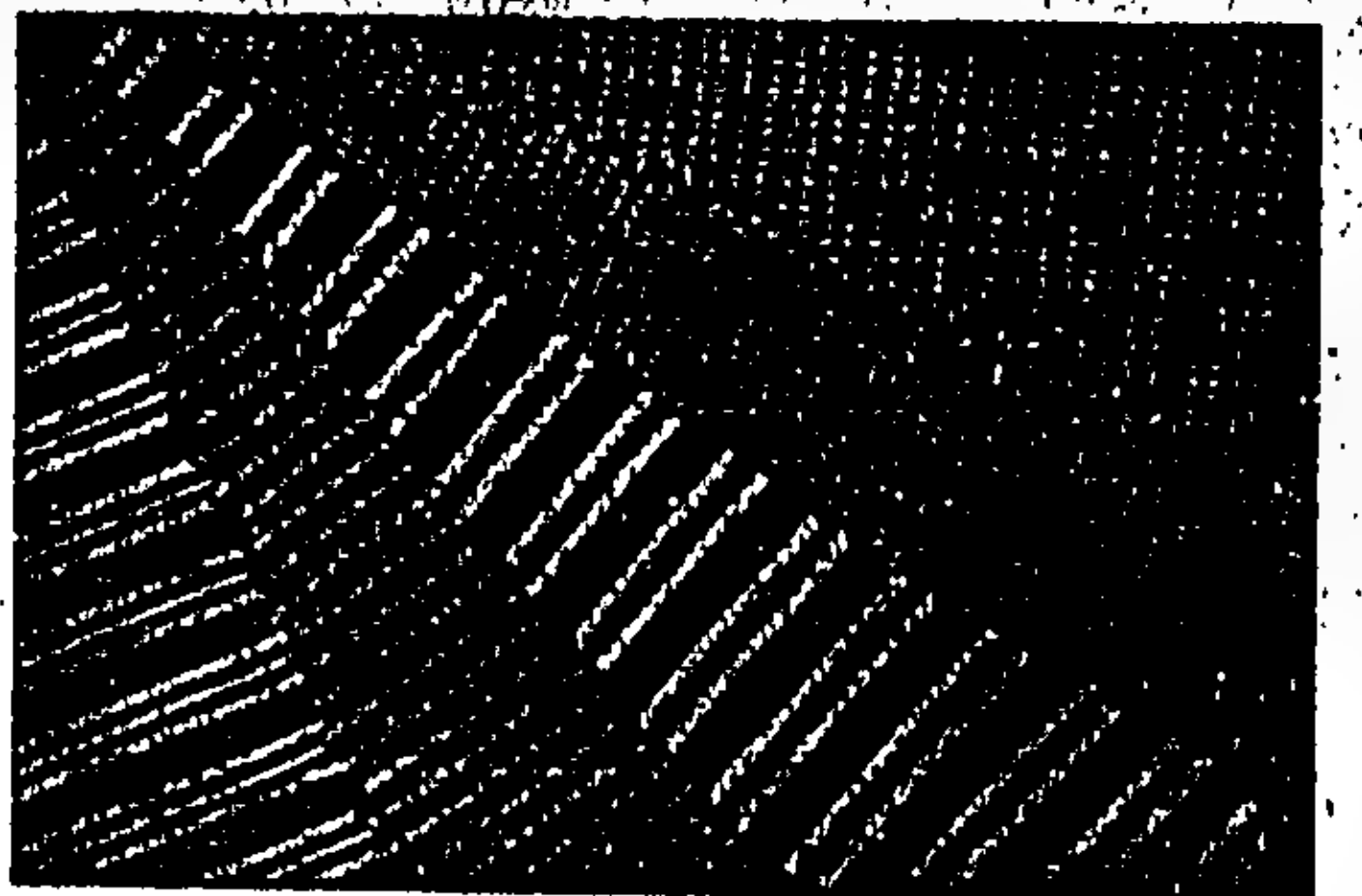
Mr Ernest Wallace Martin, Woolwich Borough Council Electrical Engineer, said at an inquest recently that the council did not encourage people to install electric lighting in Anderson shelters.

The current should be reduced to 20 or 60 volts through a transformer which could be bought for 10s. or 15s. No electricity of ordinary supply voltage should be used in an Anderson shelter because of the damp.

Boxer's Death

A verdict of "Accidental death" due to an ineffective cable was recorded on Patrick Sheehan, aged 34, of Anglessea Road, Woolwich, who had been an Irish boxing champion for three years.

Sheehan was one of a party of council workmen who were concreting his shelter which had become flooded. It was stated that he either tried to wrench an electric cable from the ground or grasped it to save himself when he slipped.



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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

DUTIES OF WING HALF BACKS

Special Comments On Left Flank Defender

IN DEFENCE, the first duty of a wing half is to mark the outside forward; to stand constantly between him and the ball and endeavour to "freeze" him out of the game. Theoretically, a left half could play a useful defensive game for his side without once touching the ball, provided the outside right did not touch it either.

Most attacks develop through the inside forwards, and we will suppose that the opposing inside-right has the ball and is just crossing the half-way line. The left back should come in to tackle him, and the left half should run away, for the wing man, for whom he is responsible, is also running away. He should never go in to tackle the inside man as long as the back is unbeaten. And this understanding between the backs and the halves is the foundation of good defence.

The inside right, when tackled may pass to the wing, and if the left half fails to intercept the ball, he should tackle the winger across the body, holding the stick in his left hand and using the point to play the ball. It is quite possible to do this without obstruction.

Should the winger get away—pursue him. It is, as a rule, better for the back to stay in the middle and for the half to go after the winger and try to hamper his movements or hurry his centre.

The worst thing for the half to do is to sheer off to the edge of the circle, where he can do nothing to stop the centre and merely un-
sight his own backs.

Left Wing Attack

If an attack develops on the opposing left wing, then the left half becomes the last line of defence, for his back is bound to be drawn across to cover, and when he is beaten, the forward who reaches the circle should find himself challenged by the left half, who has, on this occasion, the advantage of a forward tackle.

There should be continual passing in defence from the backs to the left half, and if the ground is good, from the half to the backs. The goalkeeper can also clear to the halves with advantage. When he is expecting a pass, the left half should swing out towards the touch line.

In Attack

In attack, half-backs should feed and support their forwards, and not attempt to teach them to dribble. Many a good opening is lost through this temptation of giving just one more tap.

If the opposing right half knows his job, the only way in which the left half can reach his wing forward is to run inwards for a few paces and then hit to the corner flag.

The left half can usually see his inside forward and should give him the ball on the forehead and not on the heel.

A quick hit is easier to take than a flick shot. More often it is better to try and reach the inside right. The cross pass opens up the game, and makes gaps in the defence.

The Cross Shot

THE cross shot over the field to the inside right is the chief reward for the left half, into whom every-body centres. The cross shot from the left, like the off drive in cricket, is the most beautiful shot in the game. All hits from left to right take a little time in footwork, which is an

Tournament Game

Police "A" Maintain Fine Record

Police "A" 1 Khalsa 0

THE GUARDIANS of the Law retained their unbeaten record at Boundary Street last Sunday, emerging worthy winners from their match with Khalsa by 1-0. The ground was a little slippery, but considering the rain during the week, it was in very good state.

Both sides were evenly matched, and play was even throughout the first period, although Police "A" had considerably more scoring opportunities. However, after 15 minutes' play, Teja Singh gave his side the lead with a lucky goal.

The home team held on to this lead like grim death, but it was in the second half that Khalsa's approach work was far superior, and it was robust rather than skilful defence work that prevented the latter from equalling.

The visiting forwards, especially in the last 20 minutes, played excellent hockey, which contrasted greatly with the scrappy defensive measure adopted by the home team.

Pratt, however, must go to the Police intermediate line, Leslie, Gough and Cox. Hayward did excellent work. They put up a grand do-or-die defence and in the closing stages, though played to a standstill, kept the visiting attack out of their circle.

Parker and Brown were the best forwards, and, playing considerably better than they have done for some weeks, were only stopped on several occasions by the fine goal-keeping of Souza.

Slow Failing

KHALSA, though displaying all-round superiority, failed to score through slowness against a quick-tackling defence, for it is essential that forwards must get rid of the ball at the first opportunity.

G. Singh was a live wire, but was too closely watched to be dangerous. Hassan did some fine work as pivot, and Souza, in goal, gave his best display of the season.

additional reason for passing in good time.

Making An Opening

SHOULD the left half see no forward favourably placed, he should run with the ball to make an opening. The nearer he is to the opposing circle the more he should run inwards.

It is important for him now to find a man for if he is beaten he has uncovered his wing.



Yourieff and Waldron (Y.M.C.A.) tackling A. E. P. Guest (Interporters) in the trial match last Saturday. Parker (Interporters) waiting in the background.—Ming Yuen.

INTERPORTERS IN ACTION

Selectors' Difficulties Still Unsolved

THE PRACTICE MATCH held during the week-end against the European Y.M.C.A., when a draw of 2-all resulted, was not so satisfactory as had been expected. One might sum up the exhibition as being reasonably satisfactory concerning the defence, but distinctly unsatisfactory as regards the attack.

Gurbachan Singh, at inside right, accomplished some useful work, but on the whole the passing movements of the forwards were far from fluent, partly because of the stout "Y" defence, which hit cleanly.

To begin with, these Saturday games are a crazy idea. Firstly because it is impossible to field a full Interport XI as some of the better players are engaged either at cricket or football league fixtures, and secondly because the players that participate in them are not going all out as next morning they are to be in trim for tough League matches.

As the evenings are becoming longer, it would be advisable to have these practice games during the week, when a full side can be fielded.

Lapses in Attack

VETERAN GUEST, as leader of the attack, was slow, and Parker, at inside left, though neat with his passing, did not impress as far as speed was concerned. Brown made quite a useful left winger, and I doubt if anyone could replace him in that position.

The G. Singh-Smith combination on the right flank was a failure. The latter was never in position for the accurate passes which went his way, and his anticipation was poor. The former was never sure of himself and was too well marked by Waldron to be dangerous.

In view of the poor displays given by Smith and Li Ross in the recent trials, I would like to nominate Li Ross, of the Ralputana Rifles. He is tall and has a lefty hit and is very fast on the wing. I would also suggest the inclusion of Ernie Fowler as inside left. These players, in my estimation, will speed up the attack. My forward line would then be Brown, E. Fowler, G. Singh, Guest and Li Ross (left to right).

Sound Defence

A PART from M. H. Hassan, who was seen at centre half in place

RECREIO CRICKET

The following will represent Club de Recreio juniors in a League Cricket match against Craigengower juniors on Saturday at Happy Valley, at 2 p.m.: E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, P. N. da Silva, J. A. Barros, F. J. Remédios, A. J. M. Prata, M. A. Remédios, A. S. Souza, A. G. Goulão, A. H. Remédios, L. A. Remédios.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. team at hockey against Signals at 5 p.m. to-day at King's Park—M. Denwell, J. Whitburn, H. B. Jordan, H. W. Smith, L. F. Coombes, J. K. Gilchrist, L. W. Macey, R. G. Spence, J. H. Hiltcock, W. Ure, R. Banks.

SWEETSTAKE YACHTING

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 15 miles resulted:

Yacht	Cor.	Sailed by
Gull	4.18.35	Miss Richards
Isabel	4.18.47	H. L. Partridge
True Blue	4.20.31	C. Manning
Artik	4.21.35	W. J. Brown
Widgeon	4.24.38	J. E. Doube

Random Jottings

Selectors' Dilemma

AS THE SELECTORS dominated 17 players after the trials were held, they now find themselves in a strange predicament with regard to the formation of the Colony attack. With the poor selected material they have in hand it is obvious that two very important positions in attack still remain undecided—these are the right wing and inside left.

I hear from a reliable source that Capt. Kompta Prasad and 2/Lt Ross of the Punjab, who are now in camp, are doubtful as to whether they may be able to make the trip to Macao.

In these circumstances, the Selectors could call on Lt. Coal and E. Fowler to fill the vacancies. These two will undoubtedly strengthen the attack and solve the problem.

A further practice game is to be held next Saturday and as some drastic changes must be made I would ask the Selectors to bear these two names in mind.

It was broadly commented in Police circles last Sunday that U. B. Souza is at present the best goal-keeper in the Colony. After his splendid exhibition for Khalsa against the Police, I don't for a moment doubt the statement.

However, it is interesting to note that there was at least one Selector present at last Sunday's game to witness Souza's fine display.

MACAO, I understand, have suggested a date in April for the coming Interport. As the soccer Interport is to be played on the same day as the hockey, the Hockey Association is reluctant to accept this date, and have, I believe, suggested Sunday, February 23.

I hope Macao will agree to the H.K. proposal, as April is rather too late and the rainy weather might set in.

At the last meeting of the Umpires Association, it was decided by the Committee that Mr. K. Hussain and Mr. Tyas are to accompany the Interport team as official umpires. The latter will be making his debut as an Interport official, and I wish him the best of luck in his non-too-easy task.

L. OZORIO is mentioned in Portuguese circles as being very fortunate to be selected for the Interport. One must not for a moment underestimate his capabilities. He might not have secured a position in his Club team, but his two displays in the trials gave the Selectors food for thought.

It is just how one shapes up in trials, and "Ozo" did his stuff, as far as the Selectors were concerned.

Better Back Division Gives Club Rugby Win

LEADING 3-0 AT the interval, a fairly strong Club A team trounced Navy A a goal and three tries (14) to nil in a rugby game on the Club ground yesterday.

Club had a vastly superior back division which made all the difference, Honeywill being the only Navy back to give anxiety. Wilson was reliable at full-back but was beaten by superior speed and he lacked defensive support in front. Gracie was fairly dangerous at right-wing until he injured his knee and retired shortly before the interval.

Laville, who appeared for the Service side, found conditions against him and his tackles rarely came off. Richards, who played on the other wing, was poor, but both Rutherford and Gallagher (scrum-half) played well. Gallagher in particular, relieving with excellent kicking to touch. Of the forwards, King was again the live wire and together with Winter, Watson and Flynn formed the backbone. They were recruited in several splendid rushes which were nullified only by splendid defensive work by Clemo and Thomson.

Wilson, full-back for Club, played a useful if unorthodox game and relieved pressure on several occasions by timely falls. Van Leeuwen played above his usual standard and received splendid support from Aikenhead whose touch finding was good. Carruthers was the most dangerous of the three and for once his passing was useful if unorthodox game and relieved pressure on several occasions by timely falls. Van Leeuwen played above his usual standard and received splendid support from Aikenhead whose touch finding was good. Carruthers was the most dangerous of the three and for once his passing was useful if unorthodox game and relieved pressure on several occasions by timely falls. Van Leeuwen played above his usual standard and received splendid support from Aikenhead whose touch finding was good. Carruthers was the most dangerous of the three and for once his passing was useful if unorthodox game and relieved pressure on several occasions by timely falls. 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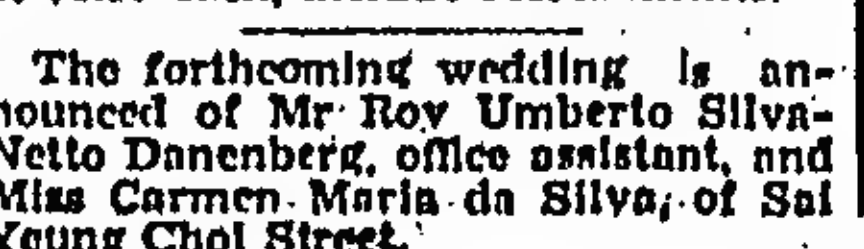
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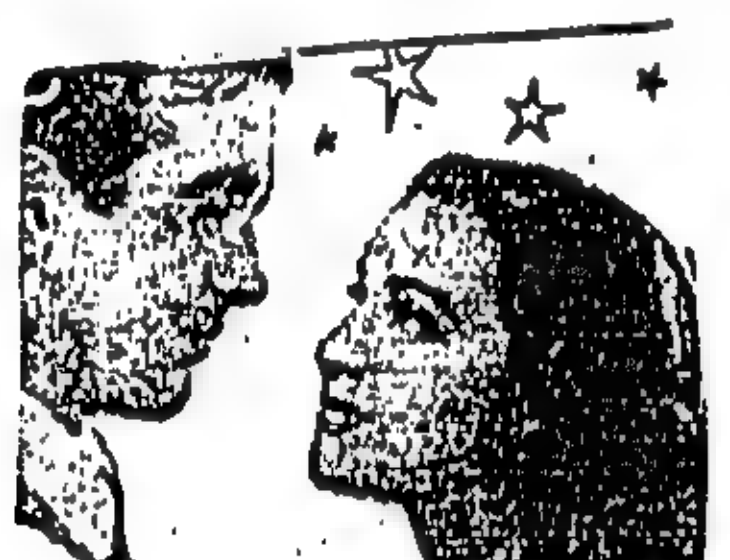
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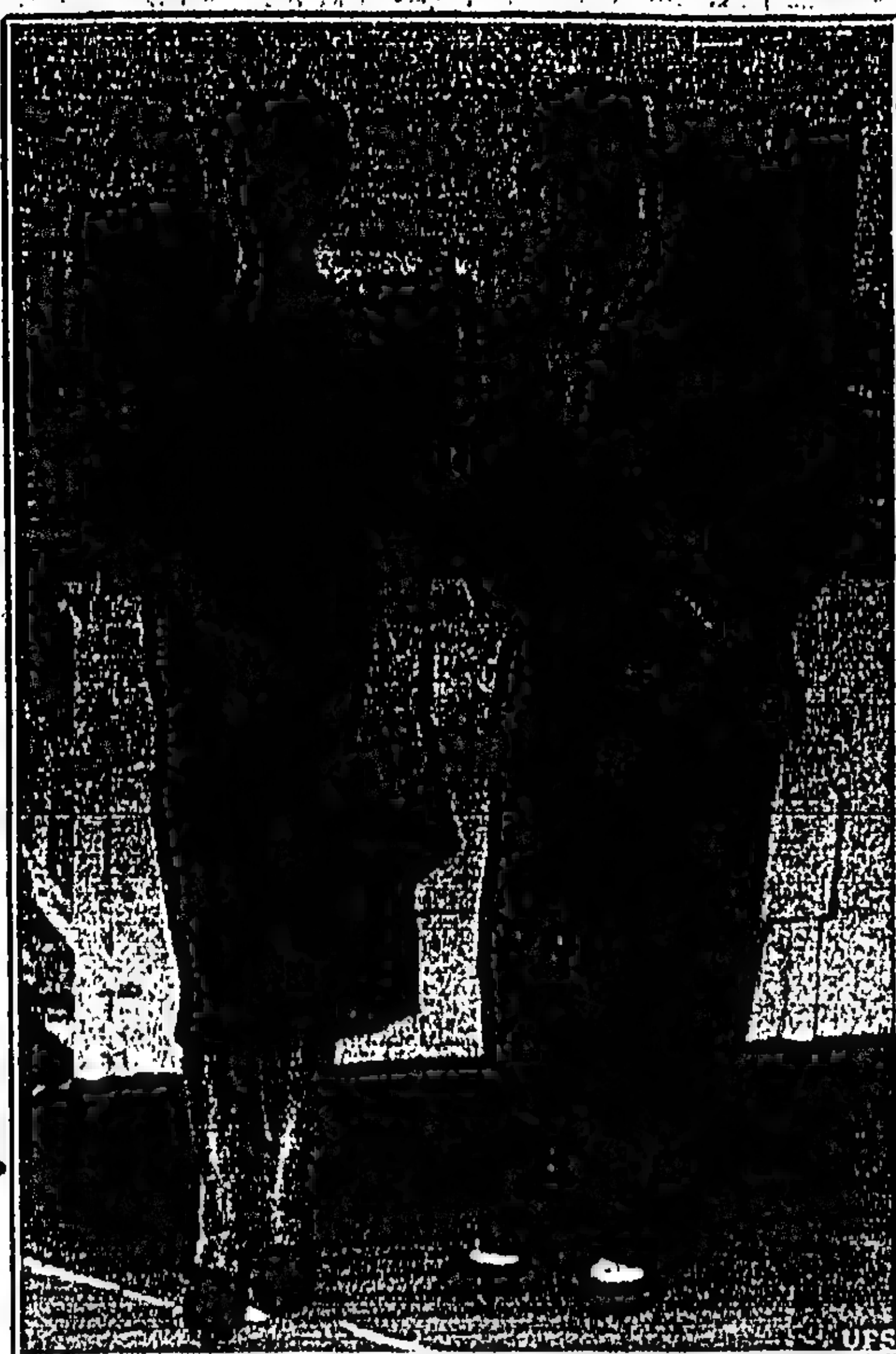
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Bombed Giraffe Dies

London's Zoo in Regent's Park has been bombed. So, too, has Whipsnade. But both are carrying on.

Casualties at Regent's Park spur-winged goose died of shock. One of the bombs at Regent's Park hit the cage of Ming, the At Whipsnade a giraffe, Boxer, famous Giant Panda, but did not panicked, dashed madly about, and explode. Ming is now evacuated to died of heart strain. An African "safety" of Whipsnade.

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Italian Targets Peppered

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patrols were active and two Italian machines were shot down. An enemy flying boat anchored off Tolmetta was destroyed and an enemy bomber crashed at Apollonia.

Over Eritrea
A fighter squadron of the South African Air Force has had repeated successes in supporting the army offensive in Eritrea. It attacked the landing ground near Aszoz, where five Italian machines, already bombed, were set on fire.

During an engagement in Asmara, aircraft of the same squadron intercepted enemy fighters and shot down one. Another was machine-gunned on the ground and destroyed.

At Toranni, four machines were observed burnt out on the landing ground, while three others, in an un-serviceable condition due to air attacks, were captured at Barentu.

In addition, R.A.F. bombers raided a number of military objectives in Eritrea.

Motor transport was set on fire on the Metemma-Gondar road, and between Asmara and Keren a motor convoy was attacked.

The aerodrome at Gura was raided and three direct hits were registered on the hangars, causing much damage.

Motor transport was attacked at Makale and three Italian machines were destroyed on the ground and others were damaged. Enemy fighters intercepted the R.A.F. bombers but the raid was successfully completed without damage to the British aircraft.

South Abyssinia
In southern Abyssinia, aircraft of the South African Air Force continued to support the army and one fighter pilot alone shot down three Italian planes.

Malta Raided
Enemy aircraft raided Malta yesterday but were intercepted by British fighters and at least three Italian machines were shot down. Others were severely damaged.

Some slight damage was caused to buildings.

With the exception of one bomber and one fighter, the British aircraft returned safely from all these operations.

Nazi Coast Bases Shattered By R.A.F.

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yards, were straddled with high explosive bombs.

Later Reports
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry communique states: "A considerable force of bombers and fighters attacked the aerodrome at Stomer this afternoon. Five British planes are missing."

"The R.A.F. has been very active over the English Channel and north-west France to-day. A number of fighter patrols have been maintained, resulting in the destruction of one enemy bomber over the Channel during the morning, and a second one in the afternoon."

Early this afternoon a squadron of our bombers, escorted by a considerable force of fighters, carried out sweeps in Northern France, during which the aerodrome at Stomer was satisfactorily attacked and two enemy aircraft were brought down during combat. Five of our aircraft are missing.

Nazis Lose Planes In Air Raids

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aircraft guns put up a barrage when a plane came overhead.

Other raiders were reported over on East England town.

All Clear in London
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded at 10.30 p.m. after there had been 12 casualties in the London area from two high explosive bombs.

The Air Ministry announced that four enemy raiders had been shot down during the day.

Six Planes Downed
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—It is unofficially announced that six German raiders were shot down to-day.

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The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—May I through the medium of your esteemed paper appeal to its many readers to give aid to a cause which I am sure, is worthy of their consideration.

I refer to the Society for the Protection of Children. As many of your readers will recollect, Sir Althol MacGregor, the Chief Justice of Hongkong, made a very stirring speech over the radio some time ago asking the public to donate generously to this Society which I understand is sorely in need of funds to the extent of approximately \$28,000, to enable it to carry on for the current year.

I venture therefore to suggest through these columns, a method whereby this sum, or part of it, could possibly be raised towards helping a most deserving cause. There are in Hongkong approximately 15,000 subscribers to the Hongkong Telephone Company and, on each deposit made by these subscribers, a certain amount of interest is payable by the Company annually. If these subscribers or a large portion of them would only waive their interest, which could not be possibly more than 2 or 3 per cent, and donate same to the Society, I do not see why a substantial sum should not be raised.

Although I am fully aware that in Hongkong there are other Societies worthy of consideration yet, nevertheless, I earnestly hope that your many readers will give my suggestion their due support.

ONE KEY TO ONE WAY.

SOUTH SEA AIRLINE

Continuing the expansion of Japan's air transport service overseas, the Japan Airways Company is inaugurating next spring a new air service between Taihoku in Formosa and Palao in the Japanese Mandated Islands in the South Seas.

Monster Raffle

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PRIZE LIST will be closed on Monday, Feb. 10.

Offers of Prizes should be addressed to "Chairman, Hongkong War Effort Committee, Morning Post Building."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE SPORTS CLUB SELLING LOTTERIES REMINDER.

Members are reminded that Selling Lotteries will be conducted at the Club on
Friday, the 7th.
Tuesday, the 11th.
Thursday, the 13th.
commencing each day at 6.30 p.m. on the following dates:—
The Hongkong Derby,
The Roosty Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup.
The Austral Derby.
Members' friends, including ladies, are cordially invited.

LAM MING FAN,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

- South China Morning Post
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16 cents per copy
- British Empire and Foreign
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- The Hongkong Telegraph
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14 cents per copy
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R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

Passengers who arrived at Hongkong yesterday aboard the President Cleveland, complained that owing to delay they were kept on board the liner for 3 1/2 hours by the Immigration Officers' examination.

They said that the liner berthed at 8.45 a.m. at Kowloon wharf, and that the Hongkong Police boarded the ship promptly at 9 a.m. to examine the ship's papers. However, no Immigration Officer boarded the liner until 10.15 a.m. and passengers were not allowed to leave until 11.30 a.m. Two Immigration Officers carried out the examination.

RADIO

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NEWS LETTER FROM THE STUDIO

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 kc. and on Short Wave from 1.215 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.01 Reginald Foort at the Organ.
1.13 Dance Music by Jack Lytton and His Orchestra.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major.
2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 A Beethoven Programme.
Sonata in G Major, Op. 49, No. 2; 1st Mov. Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov. Tempo di Minuetto. Arthur Schnabel (Piano); Egmont Overture. New Light Symphony Orchestra; Sonata in G Minor, Op. 49, No. 1; 1st Mov. Andante; 2nd Mov. Rondo-Allegro. Arthur Schnabel (Piano); Menuetto and Trio (3rd Movement) from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21. The B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Nan Maryska (Soprano). "La Belle Helene"—Selection (Offenbach). Marek Weber and His Orchestra. My Lovely Celia (Monroe, arr. Lane Wilson). Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano; Menuet No. 1 (Paderewski); Coeur Brille (Gillet). Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Don't Be Cross (Zeller); Nightingale Song (Zeller). Nan Maryska (Soprano) w. Orch.; Mighty Lark A Rose (Newlin). Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Luna Waltz (Lincke). Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Violin Solos.
Abendlied (Schumann); Tarantella (Sarasate). Manuel Quiroga with Piano acc. Souvenir (Drala); Serenata, Op. 6 (Toselli). Vasa Prihoda with Piano acc.
8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 Half an hour of Light Opera Selections.
The Sorcerer—Selection (Sullivan); "Trin By Jury"—Selection (Sullivan). Bands of H.M. Cold Stream Guards; "The Arcadians" (Monckton); The Pipes of Pan; Arcady is Ever Young; Winnie Melville (Soprano) w. Orchestra; "Student Prince"—Selection; "The Vagabond King"—Selection; Henry Crouson (Organ); "A Country Girl"—Selection (Monckton). London Theatre Orchestra. South Sea Islanders.
9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
9.40 Hawaiian Selections.
Strange Enchantment (Loesser-Hollander); We'll Meet Again (Parker-Charles). Felix Mendelssohn's Invention; Serenaders w. Vocal; Waltzes—Underneath the Blue Hawaiian Skies, Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl. The Hawaiian Marimba Players; Tropical Hula; Medley; On The Dreamy Moana Shore (Dryson). South Sea Islanders.
10.0 An hour of Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

Two cases of Cholera, six of Diphtheria, four of Typhoid, eight of Measles, one of Chicken-pox, two of Meningitis, 17 of Dysentery, and 62 of Tuberculosis (one imported) were reported during the 48 hours ended on Tuesday. The two Cholera cases, one in Victoria, and one in Kowloon were reported on Monday.

FLATULENCE

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Only those who are victims of flatulence know how painful this form of indigestion can be. The stomach becomes "blown out," pressing on other organs. Acute "stitch" is felt in the side and under the heart, in severe cases, palpitation and breathlessness make the sufferer feel as if he were actually a heart patient.
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Boxer's Death

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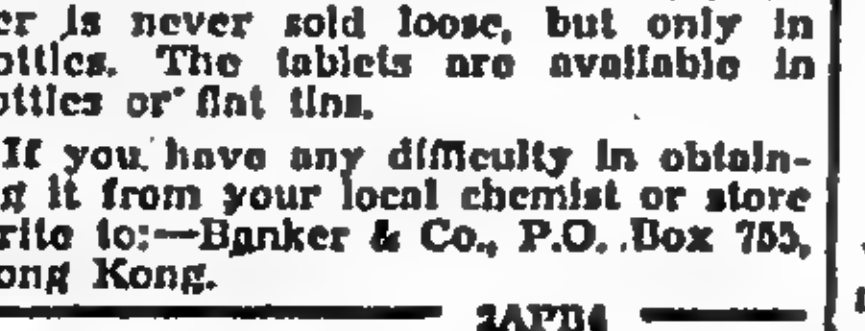
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Printer Loses 300lb Of Lead

The loss of 300 pounds of lead type valued at \$120 from a printer's shop at No. 6 Chiu Loong Street yesterday was being reported to the Police by the master, Yan Chi-wo.
Mr H. Chauvin, residing at Room No. 63, Dina House, reports the loss of a fountain pen valued at \$17.50 on Wednesday.
Entering No. 40 Wing Lok Street between 1.30 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday, some person stole a purse, and a watch and chain to the total value of \$125, the property of Mr Teo Mak-kwong.



SERVANT TO RICH WIFE

Mr Milbourne Silvester, Stamford Brook, W., who gave up his position as manager of licensed premises to do the housework for his rich wife, was left £1 a week by her will. He applied in the Chancery Division recently under the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act, 1938, to increase the amount to £5 a week.

His counsel said he was 42 when the marriage took place nearly 27 years ago. He lived on amicable terms with his wife at Hove, until her death last February. She had no servant and the husband, besides doing all the housework, attended to her during several illnesses, as she refused to have a nurse.

Mrs Silvester left about £19,000. She gave certain legacies, annuities of £104 to her sister and brother, and the residue to the National Lifeboat Institution, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army.
Mr Justice Farwell directed that Mr Silvester should have an additional £3 a week, making in all £4 a week, free of duty.

Opportunity Missed By Hitler

Speaking at Ipswich recently, Sir Neville Henderson, former Ambassador in Berlin, said: "I think the one person who regretted Munich more than anyone else was Hitler. He thought he had missed an opportunity, and I think he did."
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Neville said, tried to do his utmost regardless of himself to bring Europe back to recognition and rectification of past errors. It was a single-handed effort on the part of a man who was over 70.

No Spitfires Then

"I do not know whether the critics of Mr Chamberlain realize that on September 20, 1930, we did not possess any Spitfires, we had only one or two experimental Hurricanes, and only seven modern A. A. guns for the defence of London, out of 400 estimated as the minimum necessary. Germany could have dropped 2,000 bombs a day on London, and we could have given no reply."
"I would like to ask Mr Chamberlain's critics, realizing what cards he held in his hand, what they could have done either to avert or delay war. Mr Chamberlain failed in his immediate objective, but to the end of his life he did not have one twinge of conscience."

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U.S. ENVOY TO CHUNGKING



Mr Laughlin Currie, personal envoy of President Roosevelt to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is now in Hongkong en route to Chungking, greeted by Mr Addison E. Southard, American Consul-General prior to a press conference this morning.—Ming Yuen.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,410 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....85 n.
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Chartered £.....83 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....23 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/2 n.
East Asia £.....78 1/2 n.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$.....210 b.
Unions \$.....410 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....105 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Stamtons \$.....11 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) £/.....45/- n.
Waterboats \$.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Docks (old) \$.....98 n.
Docks (new) \$.....17 n.
Providents \$.....53 1/2 n.
Shui Dockyards \$.....35 1/2 n.

MINING
Kallan \$/.....18 n.
Raub \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....14 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotel \$.....360 s.
Lands \$.....34 1/2 s.
Lands 4% Debentures97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....13.60 n.
Humphreys \$.....7.95 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....3.85 n.
Chinese Estates \$ x d.98 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....18.30 s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....13 1/2 s.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$.....62 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....0.30 s.
China Lights (new) \$.....1.97 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....40.35 sa.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....40 1/4 s.
Macao Electric (old) \$.....17 1/4 s.
Macao Electric (new) \$.....1.05 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....25 1/4 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.
Cementa \$.....0.10/9 sa.
H.K. Ropes \$.....0.10/9 sa.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....19.20 n.
Watsons \$.....11.15 s.
Lane Crawfords \$.....7 n.
Sinceres \$.....2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....60 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....205 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt. 4%95 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)92 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)92 1/4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1025 GSBDs. 42 1/2 n.
H.K. Enterprises \$.....7 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....1.60 s.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$/.....7/0 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$/.....2/6 n.

Girls And Women Charged

Clothing Allegedly Stolen

Two girl juveniles and two women, Chong Lin, 22, and Or Yuk, -17, a spinster, were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with theft of a metal necklace, a metal bangle and a pair of stockings from 170 Nathan Road, the property of Mrs S. Fisher, and theft of a pair of ladies' shoes from 224A Nathan Road, said to be premises occupied by the Bata Shoe Company.

The two women were before Mr Himsworth while the juveniles were remanded for 48 hours for further inquiries.

Chong was further charged with theft of a pair of ladies' stockings from 224A Nathan Road and unlawful possession of three ladies' rain-coats, a pair of shorts and a piece of silk negligee knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Sergeant Estall asked for Chong and Or to be remanded for two days for further inquiries and the remand was made.
The thefts were alleged to have occurred yesterday.

Nazi Plane In Eire

Crash Landing In Bay

DUBLIN, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A German aircraft crashed this morning in County Cork, it is officially announced.
Five of the crew of six were killed, the sixth being badly injured. The plane was completely wrecked. The plane came in over the bay with smoke pouring from it and crashed. It caught fire on crashing.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: To-day's market was quiet and the volume of business done was negligible.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Canton Ins. \$210
Union Ins. \$410
H.K. Fire Ins. \$105
Electric "O" \$40.25
Entertainments \$7

Sellers
Hotels \$3.60
Trams \$18.30
Ropes \$9.10
Watsons \$11.15

Sales
Ropes \$9.10/9

No Conviction Recorded

Exceeding Speed Limit

With a clear driving record for the past 26 years, W. V. Taylor of 30 Hillwood Road, was summoned before Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy to-day for driving at 28 miles-per-hour in the controlled area of Nathan Road at 8.40 p.m. on January 14.

Taylor said that he did not think that he had travelled at that speed but if he had done so inadvertently, he would like to draw the Court's attention to the fact that he had held a driving licence for 20 years and this was his first offence.

Traffic-Sergeant G. G. Clarke said that he had paced Taylor from Saigon Road to the Wallace Harper Garage and Taylor had carried on at a steady speed of 28 miles per hour. Mr Himsworth told Taylor that since he had such a fine driving record he should be given a fine driving record. No fine was imposed.

Willkie Lands At Lisbon

Returning To America

LISBON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie arrived by air this afternoon from England on his way back to the United States.
The Douglas airliner that brought him landed at the Clntra aerodrome behind a stationary Junkers machine with a swastika painted on it. The liner taxied past it and stopped in front.

Breach Of Defence Regulations

Unposted Letters Stopped

Found in possession of three letters for the purpose of sending out of the Colony other than by post at the Po Tak Wharf, Connaught Road Central, yesterday, Lal Yik-shan, 62, unemployed, was fined \$15 by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning. The offence was a breach of the Colony Defence Regulations.

A similar fine was imposed on Ho Chak, 23, a knitting factory fold, who was also arrested on the Po Tak Wharf with three letters.
Chan Siu-fan, 18, office boy, was fined \$10 by Mr Lowry for possession of 14 letters at the Tung On Wharf. Sgt W. Williamson prosecuted in each case.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Both the Italian prisoners who escaped yesterday have been captured.

POST OFFICE

The following increased postage rates for letters will be effective as from 1st February 1941.

Places in the Colony, 5 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
British possessions, protectorates and mandated territories, 20 cents for the first ounce and 10 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.
China, and Macao, 8 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.
All countries not specified above, 30 cents for the first ounce and 15 cents for each additional ounce or part of an ounce.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulanzan), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Strails and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from SingaporeFeb. 8.
CantonFeb. 7.
Calcutta and StrailsFeb. 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 17th January)Feb. 9.
CantonFeb. 11.
United-Kingdom and StrailsFeb. 11.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th February.Feb. 12.
United-Kingdom and Strails Feb. 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th Jan.).Feb. 14.
Java and ManilaFeb. 14.
United-Kingdom and Strails Feb. 15.
SandakanFeb. 17.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th FebruaryFeb. 18.
Calcutta and StrailsFeb. 18.
SandakanFeb. 21.
Calcutta and StrailsFeb. 23.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom).
Note: All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription. K.F.O. & G.P.O.
ParcelsFeb. 6, 3.00 p.m.
Reg.Feb. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
Manila and parcels only for United-Kingdom.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
ParcelsFeb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 7

Sandakan8.30 a.m.
Strails and Rangoon10.30 a.m.
Air Mail by sea to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg.Feb. 7, 4 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 7, 4.30 p.m.
CantonFeb. 7, 7 p.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.F.O. & G.P.O.
Reg.Feb. 7, 4 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 7, 4.30 p.m.
CantonFeb. 7, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America via San Francisco.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg.Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11

Strails, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
Kowloon P.O.
Reg.Feb. 11, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 11, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg.Feb. 11, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 11, 5.00 p.m.

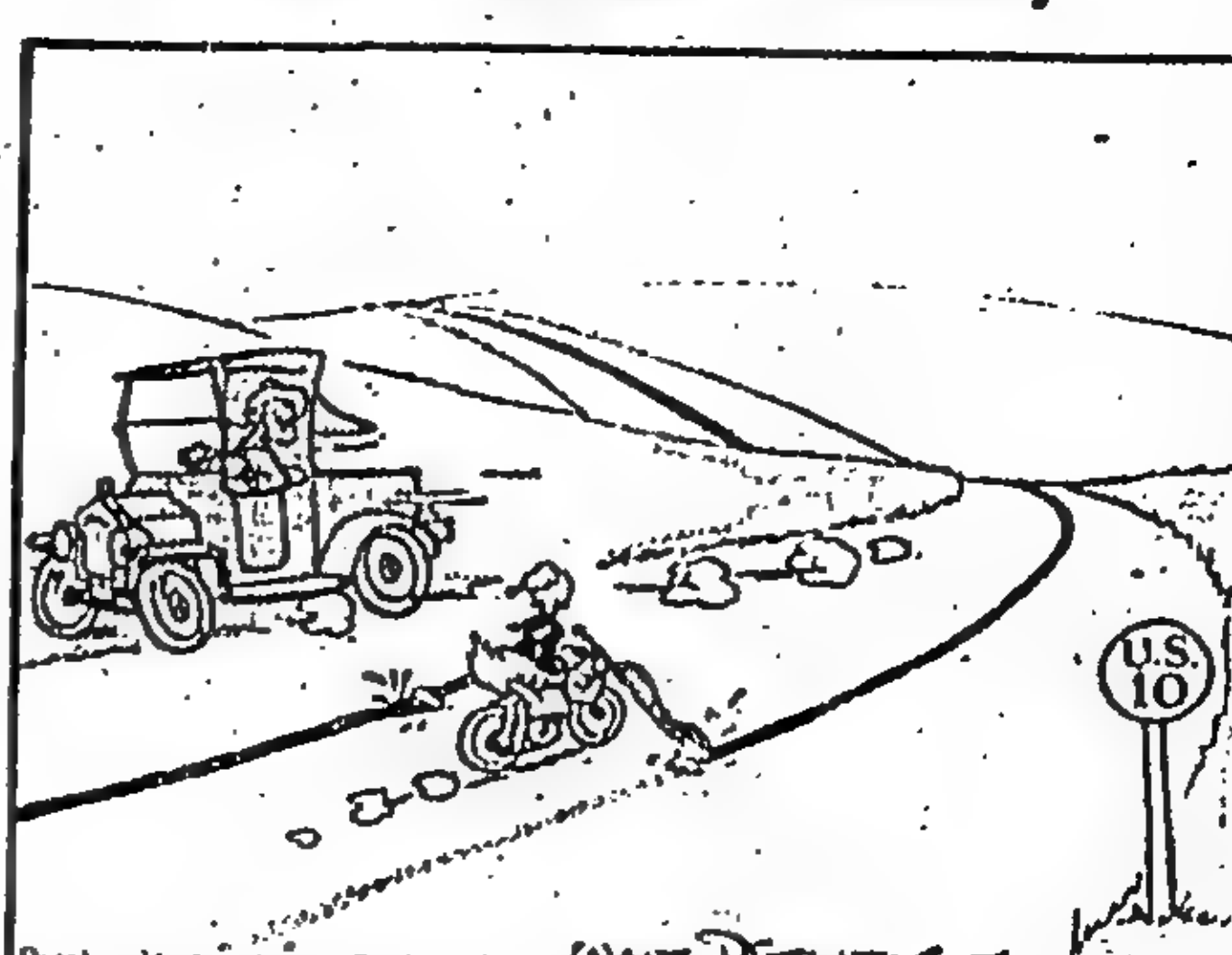
CantonFeb. 11, 6.00 p.m.
StrailsFeb. 12, 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".
K.F.O.
Reg.Feb. 12, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg.Feb. 12, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.Feb. 12, 5.00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13
ParcelsFeb. 13, 10.30 a.m.
LettersFeb. 13, 11.30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 14

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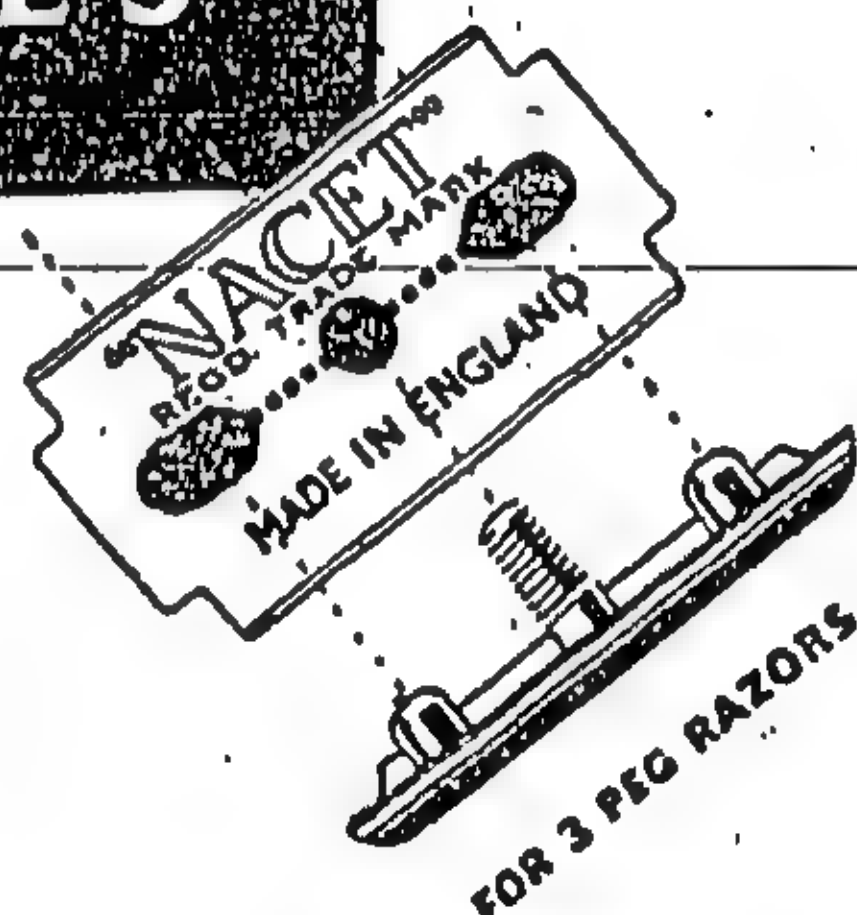
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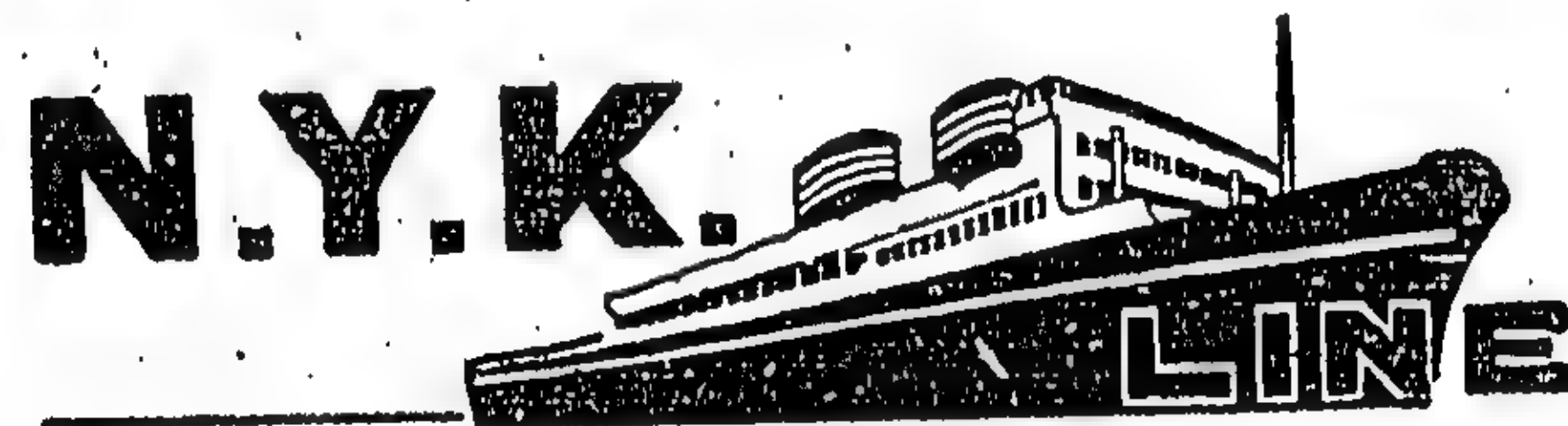
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JAPANESE MANOEUVRES

THE Japanese operation in Honan and Hupeh, the manoeuvre in southeastern Kwangtung, and the reported despatch of further troops to Saigon suggest an urgent desire on the part of the military leaders to take the sting out of Mr Matsuoka's recent admission of difficulties in the China campaign, rather than being an integral part of a carefully planned objective. The three movements may contain significant pointers, but these are not obvious.

It is difficult to appreciate precisely what the Japanese expect to accomplish in the latest Honan venture, except that carefully phrased official communiques on the action may go a long way towards justifying, in the eyes of the Japanese public, the continued existence of huge invading armies in China. What does remain incontestable is the fact that the Japanese are finding it necessary to indulge in such a widespread offensive in an area which they are supposed to have had under their control for two years. It gives new emphasis to the oft-repeated Chinese claim, (several times supported by neutral observers), that the Japanese are incapable of controlling areas beyond the railway lines and the main roads. Is this offensive too, the militarists' method of carrying out Mr Matsuoka's desire for "pacifying" the Chinese farmers?

The southeastern Kwangtung engagement has, perhaps, more point to it. The Japanese declare that the road from Shau-chung to Wai-chow has now become ever more important than the Burma highway for the transporting of materials to Free China, and the avowed purpose of the latest manoeuvre, which constitutes a pincer movement from the Wai-chow area and the Hongkong border, is to stop the alleged traffic. The peculiar feature about the whole thing is, however, that this smuggling was ever allowed to attain such proportions. One answer is suggested by the fact that entirely fresh troops are being employed in this clean-up; time will show how effectively the new broom sweeps.

The strategic importance of Wai-chow vis-a-vis the Kwangtung-Hongkong border is well known, but there is nothing to indicate at the moment that the latest Japanese ex-

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Spit And Polish

Further extracts from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

THE man they call Meanie looks up from a brown belt which he has just taken to pieces, and says: "Can somebody lend me a dab of polish?"

The Man from Yorkshire says "No." The Kid from Widnes sticks out his lower lip and says "Ha!" Old Silence throws over his tin and says nothing.

"Come, Christmas," says Ginger, "we'll whip round and buy you a tin."

"Spit an' polish!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "What I mean to say, we come 'ere to fight, not do blinkin' 'ousework. See?"

"My boots is that greasy," says the Man from Leicester.

"Greasy!" says the Lad from the Elephant. "I've used up three tins of polish on this pair already, and stone me blind, if I 'ad a brace an' bit. I could bore a 'ole and run out a pailful o' ruddy grease."

"Ah," says the Man from Leicester. "Look at what you've got to do. Just look. Get both pair o' boots like patent leather. And the boots is full o' grease, like you says. Cap-badge has got to sparkle till it nigh blinds you."

"So's you're belt-buckles and all them twiddly bits o' brass on them leggings, that pack, an' that bloomie's great sackful o' straps in webbing."

"Everything's got to be like a jewellery shop, winder. And that roifle! Blimey, that roifle!"

"Sergeant says, you're roifle's you're best friend. Well, I reckon it's you're worst enemy, the way it gets you into trouble."

The Lad from the Elephant says, "You want a whole day to do your shining in, if you get what I mean, to get ready for the next day. It'd be okay by me if you didn't 'ave to sleep at night."

The Good Soldier Phillips says: "Nark it. You don't know what spit-and-polish means, you don't. Once you've got a good groundwork on your boots, you can shine 'em in ten minutes. That goes for your brasses, too."

"What're you grouching about? What've you got to clean? Your rifle. All right. You'll need to keep that clean, to save your own ruddy lives."

"Apart from that, what? You're in battle dress now; well, that means eight little bits o' brass on your garters, a badge, and two little buttons on your cap. That's nothing."

"I admit there's a bit o' Blanco-ing to do on your webbing, but you don't do your packs every day, do you?"

"What d'you want? Ruddy batmen to do it for you? Charwomen running after you, or something?"

"Say you was in the cavalry and had to polish a ruddy horse before breakfast. Eh? You've got to keep yourselves clean. Ain't you got no self-respect?"

"Do you want to walk about in tripe? With baggy breeches and rusty rifles?"

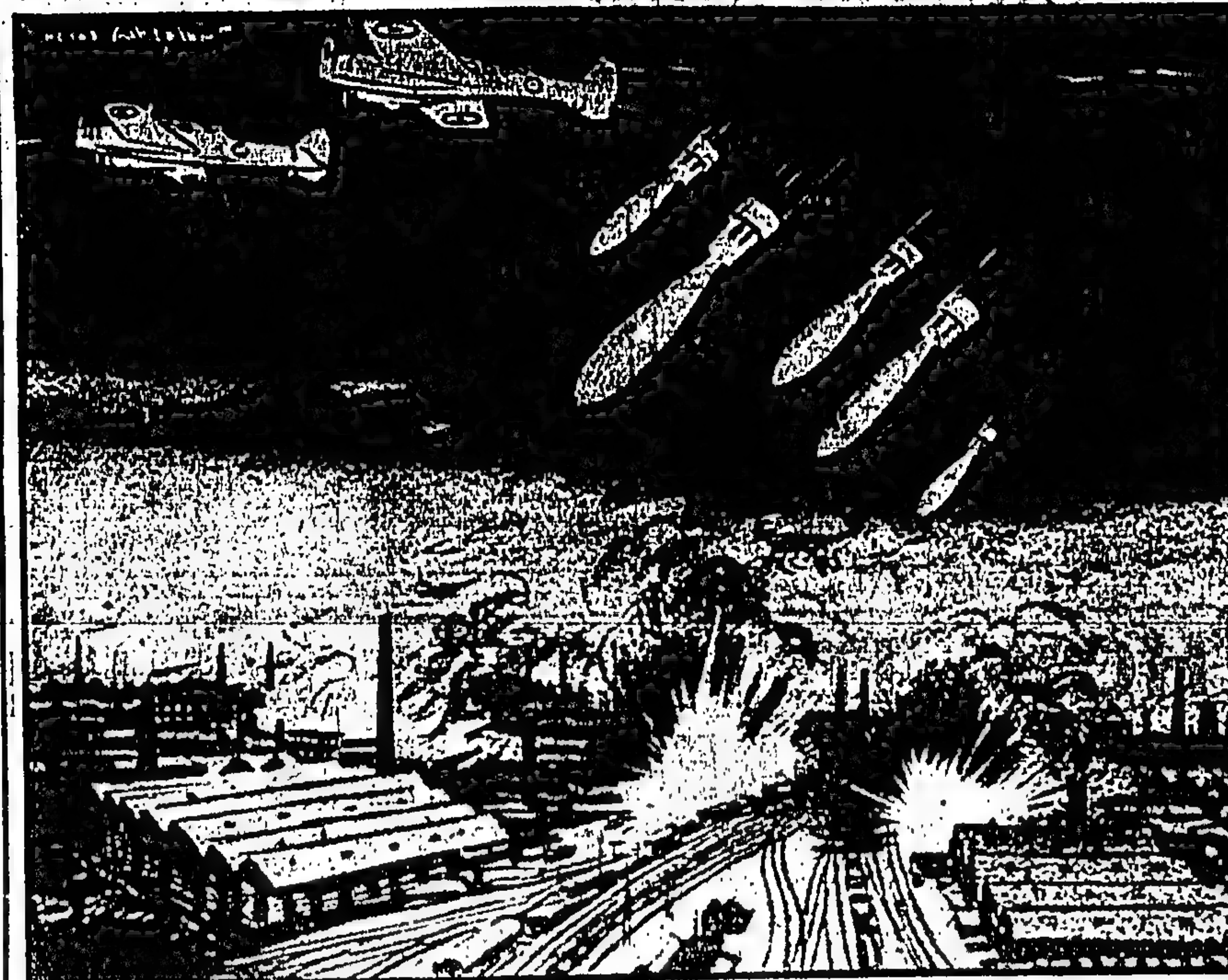
"You're given equipment; you got to keep it in good order. Because if it ain't clean, it's tripey equipment. See?"

"So get on with the shining parade if you want to go to the N.A.A.F.I. to-night. Go on! Shine!"

"Excuse me," says Meanie to his neighbour. "D'you mind spitting on these boots for me? I been eating toffee."

"First 'e borrows polish. Now 'e borrows spit," says the Lad from the Elephant.

pedition is based on ulterior motives. It is possible important materials are getting into Free China via Kwangtung, and from a purely militaristic viewpoint, it would not have been surprising if the Japanese had taken action before.



HAMM—AND EGGS

(Our bombers successfully attacked marshalling yards at Hamm—official communiqué almost any day.)

Shake Up Our Diplomats!

By
**W. N.
EWER**

THIS is a total war. It is a SEEM TO MATTER VERY military war and a naval MUCH. THEY JUST GO ON, war and an air war and an economic war—and a diplomatic war.

They never get thoroughly shaken up. They very rarely get removed, however inefficient they are.

How often does an Ambassador or Minister get a thorough good wiggling from the Secretary of State?

It is all too easy-going, all too slipshod.

If we had run the fighting services in the same happy-go-lucky way. Hitler would be dining in Buckingham Palace this evening.

The root of the whole trouble is that the service is still haggard by nineteenth century traditions.

I don't mean the "old school tie" tradition. There is quite a lot of about: although it is more burlesque to allege that the men in the Foreign Office and the Embassies and the Legations are all a lot of monocled snobs.

MODERNISE IT!

There are very few of that type. There are far more conscientious officials—some able, some not—working, many of them very hard, for pretty poor pay.

But the whole system has never been overhauled and modernised.

Of course, there have been reforms—the institution of commercial attaches and secretaries and counsellors and of Press attaches, for example. Still, the diplomatic side goes on pretty much in the old way.

An Ambassador will see now and again the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister of the Government to which he is accredited. He will move about in Government circles.

Some of his junior staff, especially the keener ones, will make other "contacts" and do what they can to get useful information and to put our case.

But there is nothing like enough of it. Zeal is not enough encouraged. Lassitude is not enough rebuked.

Rarely, as I say, does an Ambassador get told off for sending infrequent or inadequate reports. He may easily get a reminder that he is spending too much money on telegrams.

STARVED

One answer, indeed, which the diplomats can make to a charge of inefficiency is that the service is starved.

Its importance has never been properly realised. In the old conditions a small staff was quite sufficient. Staffs remain small though conditions have changed.

THEY are officials and can't answer back. And discussing individuals isn't very edifying or profitable, anyway.

THERE ARE GOOD MEN IN THE SERVICE. THERE ARE MEN WHO ARE NOT MUCH USED AT ALL. THE TROUBLE IS THAT IT DOES NOT

A British Minister may (this is no exaggeration) have a staff of a dozen, while his German rival has nearly a hundred.

And the German, too, will have the services of perhaps a score of "newspaper correspondents" who send curiously little news to their papers but who call regularly every morning at the Embassy.

He may have at his call also a score of business representatives who seem to do curiously little business.

The upshot of it all is that from almost all countries the German Foreign Office is getting far fuller and far better information about things that matter than our Foreign Office secures.

The Nazis see to it that their men are efficient; they see to it that they are well staffed. They have their diplomatic eyes and ears everywhere.

They work hard and spend lavishly to spread German influence and German propaganda.

They have realised the importance of the diplomatic weapon and the importance of seeing that it is a hundred per cent. efficient.

We do not. We make blunder after blunder for sheer lack of information.

IN THE DARK

We are taken by surprise because we are working in the dark.

We lose opportunity after opportunity through sheer lack of drive, through using the easy-going methods of the old world amid the tempo of the new.

We shall go on fighting Germany in the diplomatic field with one hand tied behind our back until our whole diplomatic service from top to bottom is shaken up and weeded out and overhauled and made to understand what is wanted of it in the new conditions.

We must have good men and enough of them to do the job. And we shall not have an efficient diplomatic service until (among other things) we are prepared to pay for it.

IT IS A BIG JOB, AND EASY ONE. BUT IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE—AND WITHOUT DELAY—IF WE ARE NOT TO BE REPEATEDLY OUTMANOEUVRED BY RIBBENTROP'S MEN.

Opposition To Lend & Lease Bill

More Testimony Given

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Doctor Alan Valentine, President of the Rochester University, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lend and Lease Bill said he was opposed to the measure, and charged the supporters of it with a desire to see the United States enter the war.

He urged the complete rejection of the measure and proposed a substitute which would (1) "further implement the speed of national defence while ensuring the continuance of American tradition, Government and the American way of life; (2) to give financial and material assistance to Britain provided Congress, in each instance, approved of each step in national interests.

Dr. Valentine expressed his hope for a British victory, if it must be a victory, but denied this meant that the paramount interest of the United States is to participate in war.

He charged the proponents of the Bill with "opposing a negotiated peace between England and Germany," and added that the development of the policy that Britain must win "means that America will be involved in the active military efforts of a long war in Europe and probably also Asia."

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—A movement to secure 1,000,000 signatures of Japanese who support Wang Ching-wei is under way with a total of 100,000 signatures having already been collected, says the local Japanese press.

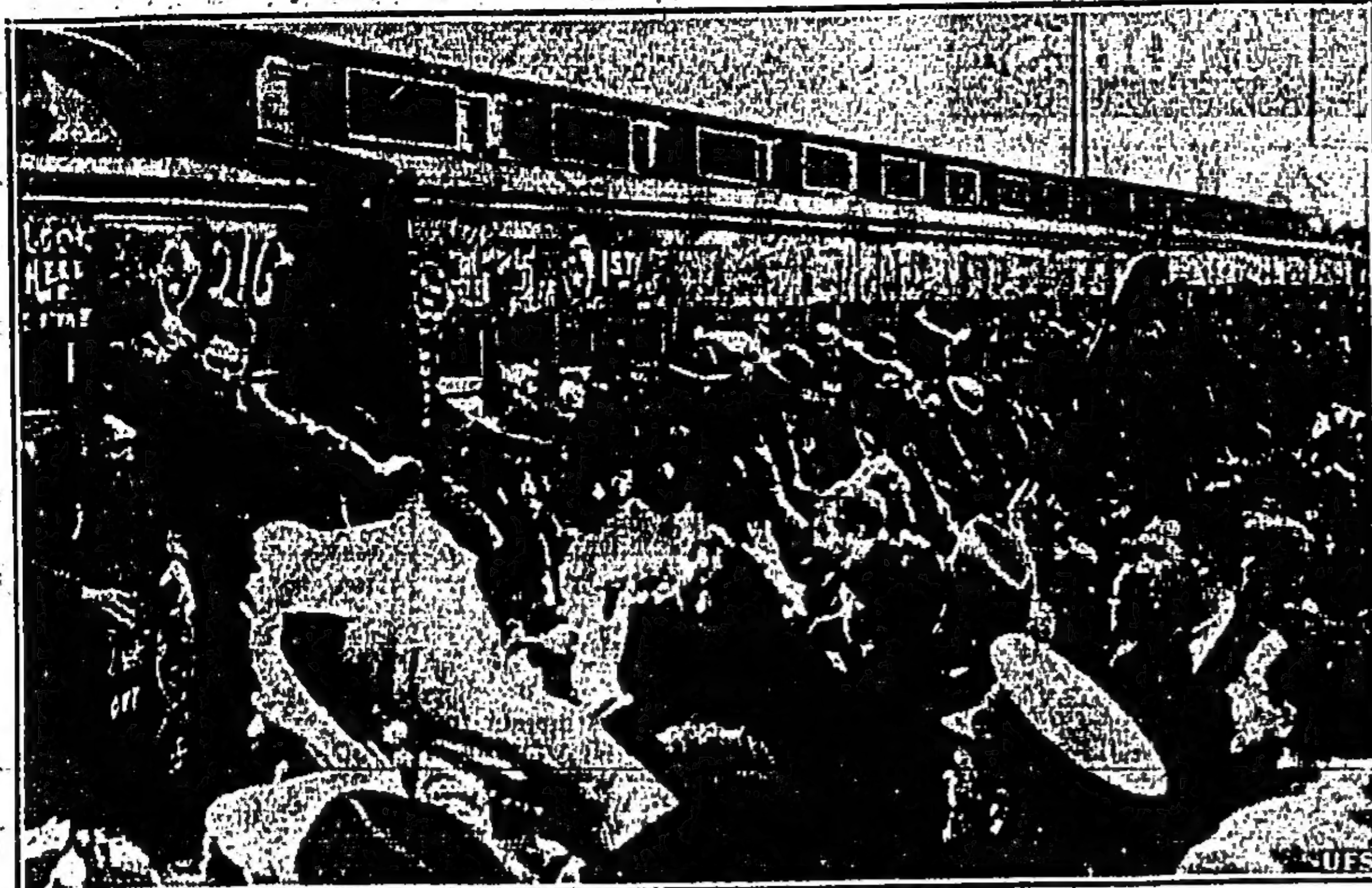
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TO WAR ZONE—Australian soldiers bound for war zone take leave of relatives and friends at Sydney, on route to embarkation port. Train is chalked with jests.

Spaniards Revive Anti-British Sentiments

MADRID, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A threatening tone is used by the Spanish newspaper, "Arriba," to-day in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far the Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive enemies who have put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds, "But henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag. The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace prudent defence if we, with our present circumstances at home and elsewhere, are to improve and Spain is to be something more than a desert in which the last hungry groups of an old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in press and speech during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortage.

U.S. CARGO FLEET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day accepted the Senate's amendments to the Bill for construction of a fleet of 200 cargo ships, and the Bill was forwarded to the White House for signature.

President Roosevelt recently asked Congress for an appropriation of \$313,000,000 to cover the cost of building these vessels.

Tinplate Limited

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Minister of Supply, Sir Andrew Duncan, announced that in order to meet demands for other forms of steel, the production of tinplate would be progressively reduced some 25 per cent below the level at which the industry had recently been operating.

Cuba Is Again At Peace

HAVANA, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—President Batista has issued a decree restoring the constitutional guarantee of Cuba which he suspended on Tuesday morning when he took swift action against an alleged attempt to overthrow him and deposed the chiefs of the armed forces and other officers.

Czechs Hide Food Stocks From Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A large scale shortage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London.

The message says that last year a quarter of a million pigs, calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat were prevented from reaching Germany. Some 13,000 wagon loads of grain were successfully hidden. No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear that this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in the panic. New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months' imprisonment.

DRIVE TO BENGHAZI Little Opposition

I.I.Q., Middle East, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Italian retreat towards Benghazi is proceeding at a rate twenty or thirty miles daily.

Concentrated bombing by the R.A.F. is causing heavy casualties. With the troops are hundreds of Italian settlers who arrived in this region with their families only three years ago. British troops who are following close behind along two parallel roads running west from Cyrene to Benghazi are meeting with little opposition. The country behind the British and Benghazi is completely lacking in fortified positions.

Barce, which is the eastern terminus of the Benghazi railway is presumably the next British objective. Though Appolonis, near Cyrene has not been mentioned in the British communiqué, it can be assumed that it has been abandoned by the Italians.

Manchukuo Observance

HSINKING, Feb. 6 (Reuter).—Towns in Manchukuo will be beflagged to-day on the occasion of the Emperor's 36th birthday. Government offices will celebrate all day. The holiday is observed by several appropriate ceremonies. In the morning the Emperor will personally worship at the State Foundation Shrine in the Imperial Palace.

India's Voice Will Be Heard

New All-World Radio
NEW DELHI, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—An order has been placed in England for a 100 kilowatt transmitter for the All-India Radio. The transmitter, which will be one of the most powerful in the world, will be installed in Delhi.

The preliminary work such as selecting a site, etc., is progressing and it is expected that the new station which will be audible all over the world, will be used for broadcasts to Europe, Africa, the Far East and the Middle East.

"REUTER" HEAD RETIRES

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—After being head of "Reuter" for the last quarter of a century, and having completed 40 years of service with the company, Sir Rodric Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day made a downward drift and was dull but closed steady under the leadership of gilt-edged securities which rallied on renewed institutional buying.

Industrials were rather heavy and home-rails had a pause, but Kaffirs were steadily held. Oils occasionally improved.

Japanese bonds were inclined to harden and speculative buying of European bonds was again in evidence. Wall Street was firm.

Devonshire Or Harlech To Replace Lord Lloyd

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd who died yesterday, is complicated by the fact that besides being Secretary for the Colonies he was also Leader of the House of Lords.

The only other Secretary of State in the House of Lords is Viscount Cranbourne, Dominions Secretary, and he is a newcomer.

In some quarters the suggestion is made that Lord Harlech, who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners, will be recalled to take over both positions, but others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally there must be two Secretaries of State in the House of Lords so the present vacancy must be filled by a Peer.

Nazis Lose Planes In Air Raids

Britain Visited & Convoy Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—German planes were reported over northeast and southeast England, East Midlands and East Anglia to-day. Spitfires shot down a German Heinkel in flames over Margate and the crew was killed.

From Folkestone, it was reported that scores of R.A.F. planes participated in the sweep during the length of which it is assumed they penetrated far inland.

Heavy explosions were heard from the direction of Pas de Calais, after which clouds of smoke were visible above the sea haze off the southeast coast. Exploding bombs were heard a considerable distance off the Kent coast.

It is reported that three German bombers were shot down into the sea while attacking a convoy off the southeast coast.

From Dublin, it is officially reported that a German plane crashed in the vicinity of Schute, County Cork and was completely wrecked. Five members of the crew were killed and the sixth member seriously injured.

Few Raiders Reach U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Although there has been some enemy air activity over the east and south-east coast to-day, very few enemy aircraft have flown inland, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a point in north-east Scotland and at a place in Kent, but these did no damage and caused no casualties.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber in the morning.

Night Alarm

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—At 8 p.m. there was an air raid warning in the London area. Earlier, the anti-aircrafts were straddled with high explosive bombs.

Later Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Air Ministry communiqué states: "A considerable force of bombers and fighters attacked the aerodrome at Stomer this afternoon. Five British planes are missing."

"The R.A.F. has been very active over the English Channel and north-west France to-day. A number of fighter patrols have been maintained, resulting in the destruction of one enemy bomber over the Channel during the morning, and a second one in the afternoon."

Early this afternoon a squadron of our bombers, escorted by a considerable force of fighters, carried out sweeps in Northern France, during which the aerodrome at Stomer was satisfactorily attacked and two enemy aircraft were brought down during combat. Five of our aircraft are missing.

CASHIER SUES FOR SALARY

A cashier who took up his employment on the day execution was being levied against the firm brought an action for salary and the return of his deposit against his former employer before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff was Shin King-chuen, of 183 Main Street, Shaukiwan, and he sought the return of \$1,500 in deposit and \$21.50 in salary as well as damages from Lam Ming-shu, alias Lam Sam, trading under the name of S. C. Lay and Co.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A. S. K. Lau, appeared for plaintiff. Defendant was not present nor was he legally represented.

Plaintiff told the Court that in January 1940 when he was working at the Swatow Lacc Co., defendant offered him the post of cashier in his firm on payment of a deposit of \$3,000. He counter-offered \$1,500, which was accepted, and it was agreed that his salary was to be \$75 a month plus \$8 travelling expenses. He paid the deposit on January 20, and it was then agreed that he was to start work on February 15.

Employer Arrested

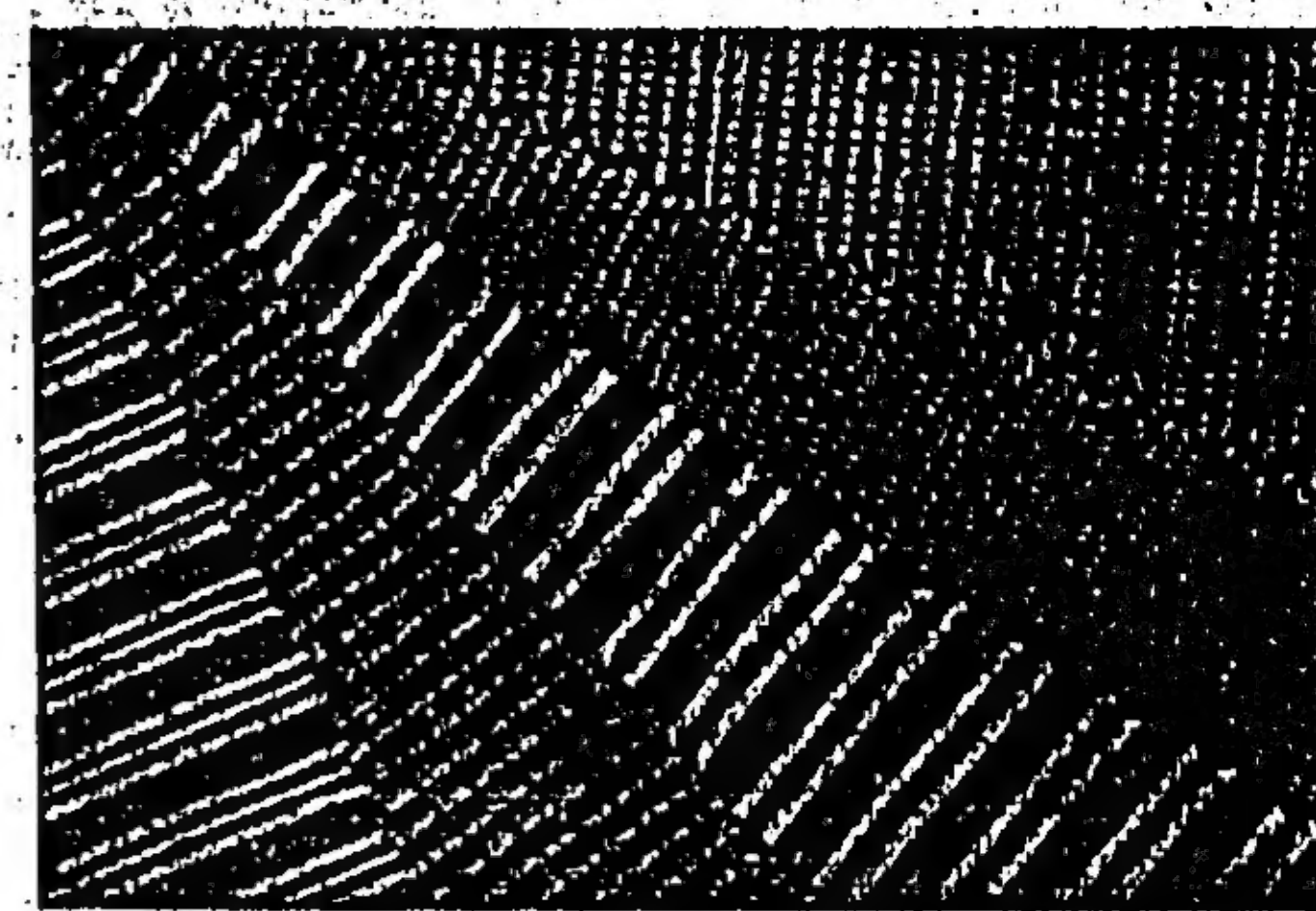
On that day when he went to take up his employment he found that execution was being levied against the firm. However, he remained with the firm, and on March 13 defendant was arrested and imprisoned for debt. On March 30, he received notice from defendant's wife terminating his services.

When defendant came out of prison, he asked him for the return of his deposit and payment of salary but was told to wait until two or three months later. Further requests were made but no reply was received and as a result the present proceedings were instituted. He was now again working for the Swatow Lacc Co.

His Lordship gave judgment, with costs, for the deposit and salary claimed and also awarded plaintiff damages amounting to \$40.50—half a month's salary.

Aeroplanes For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, announced to-day that China has arranged for the purchase of 100 American aeroplanes. They had been seeking 500.



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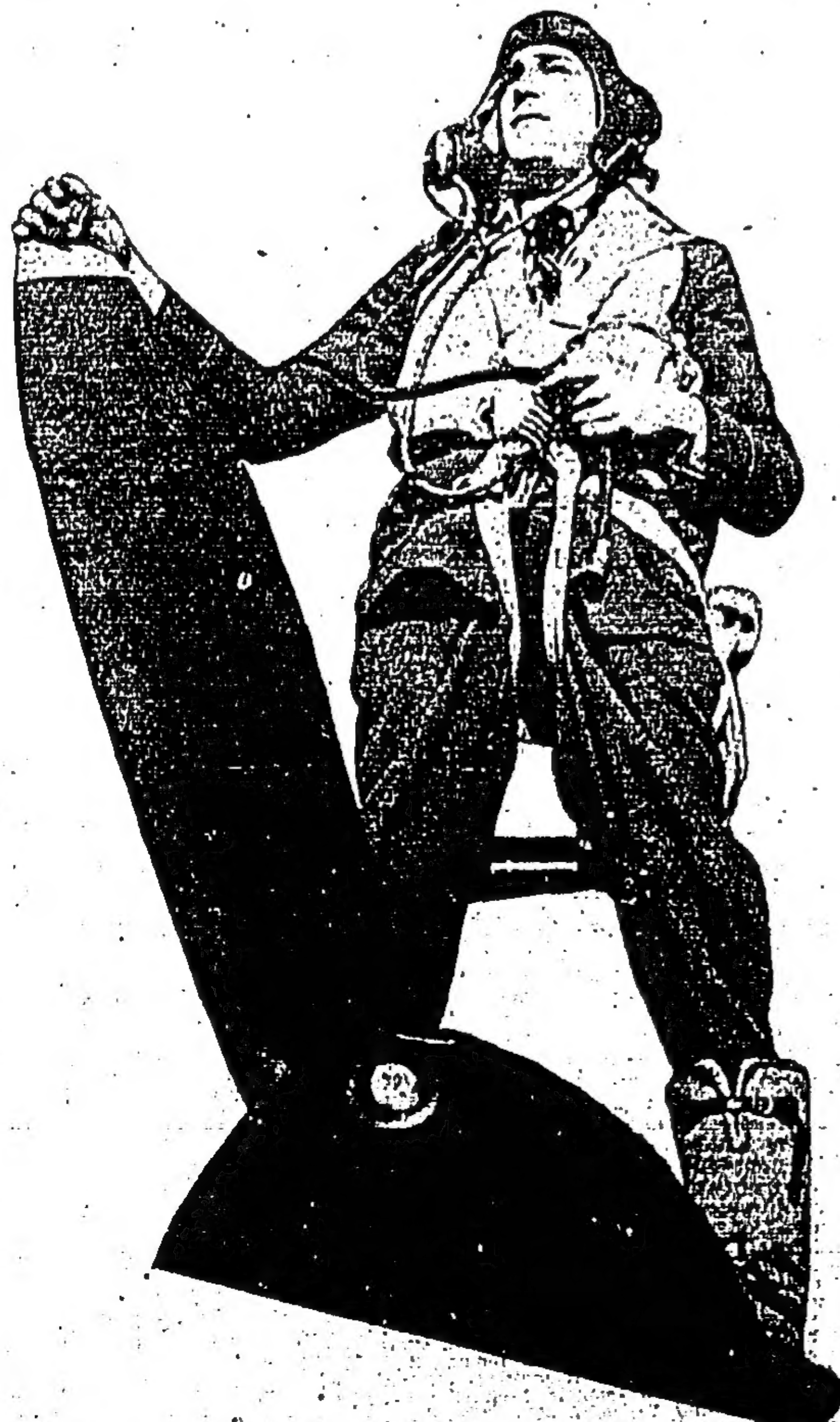
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

DUTIES OF WING HALF BACKS

Special Comments On Left Flank Defender

IN DEFENCE, the first duty of a wing half is to mark the outside forward; to stand constantly between him and the ball and endeavour to "freeze" him out of the game. Theoretically, a left half could play a useful defensive game for his side without once touching the ball, provided the outside right did not touch it either.

Most attacks develop through the inside forwards, and we will suppose that the opposing inside-right has the ball and is just crossing the half-way line. The left back should come in to tackle him, and the left half should run away, for the wing man, for whom he is responsible, is also running away. He should never go in to tackle the inside man as long as the back is unbeaten. And this understanding between the back and the halves is the foundation of good defence.

The inside right, when tackled may pass to the wing, and if the left half fails to intercept the ball, he should tackle the winger across the body, holding the stick in his left hand and using the point to play the ball. It is quite possible to do this without obstruction.

Should the winger get away—pursue him. It is, as a rule, better for the back to stay in the middle and for the half to go after the winger and try to hamper his movements or hurry his centre.

Left Wing Attack

IF an attack develops on the opposing left wing, then the left half becomes the last line of defence, for his back is bound to be drawn across to cover, and when he is beaten, the forward who reaches the circle should find himself challenged by the left half, who has, on this occasion, the advantage of a forward tackle.

There should be continual passing in defence from the backs to the left half, and if the ground is good, from the half to the backs. The goalkeeper can also clear to the halves with advantage. When he is expecting a pass, the left half should swing out towards the touch line.

In Attack

IN attack, half-backs should feed in and support their forwards, and not attempt to teach them to dribble. Many a good opening is lost through this temptation of giving just one more tap.

If the opposing right half knows his job, the only way in which the left half can reach his wing forward is to run inwards for a few paces and then hit to the corner flag.

The left half can usually see his inside forward and should give him the ball on the forehand and not on the heel.

A quick hit is easier to take than a flick shot. More often it is better to try and reach the inside right. The cross pass opens up the game, and makes gaps in the defence.

The Cross Shot

THE cross shot over the field to the inside right is the chief reward for the left half, into whom everybody centres. The cross shot from the left, like the off drive in cricket, is the most beautiful shot in the game.

All hits from left to right take a little time in footwork, which is an

Tournament Game

Police "A" Maintain Fine Record

Police "A" 1 Khalsa 0

THE GUARDIANS of the Law retained their unbeaten record at Boundary Street last Sunday, emerging worthy winners from their match with Khalsa by 1-0. The ground was a little slippery, but considering the rain during the week, it was in very good state.

Both sides were evenly matched, and play was even throughout the first period, although Police "A" had considerably more scoring opportunities. However, after 15 minutes' play, Teja Singh gave his side the lead with a lucky goal.

The home team held on to this lead like grim death, but it was in the second half that Khalsa's approach work was far superior, and it was robust rather than slyful defence work that prevented the latter from equalising.

The visiting forwards, especially in the last 20 minutes, played excellent hockey which contrasted greatly with the scrappy defensive measure adopted by the home team.

Praise, however, must go to the Police intermediate line, Leslie, Gough and Cox. Hayward did excellent work. They put up a grand do-or-die defence and in the closing stages, though played to a stand-still, kept the visiting attack out of their circle.

Parker and Brown were the best forwards, and playing considerably better than they have done for some weeks, were only stopped on several occasions by the fine goal-keeping of Souza.

Slow Failing

KHALSA, though displaying all-round superiority, failed to score through slowness against a quick-tackling defence, for it is essential that forwards must get rid of the ball at the first opportunity.

G. Singh was a live wire, but was too closely watched to be dangerous. Hassan did some fine work as pivot, and Souza, in goal, gave his best display of the season.

Making An Opening

SHOULD the left half see no forward favourably placed, he should run with the ball to make an opening. The nearer he is to the opposing circle the more he should run inwards.

It is important for him now to find a man for if he is beaten he has uncovered his wing.



Yourieff and Waldron (Y.M.C.A.) tackling A. E. P. Guest (Interporters) in the trial match last Saturday. Parker (Interporters) waiting in the background.—Ming Yuen.

INTERPORTERS IN ACTION

Selectors' Difficulties Still Unsolved

THE PRACTICE MATCH held during the week-end against the European Y.M.C.A., when a draw of 2-all resulted, was not so satisfactory as had been expected. One might sum up the exhibition as being reasonably satisfactory concerning the defence, but distinctly unsatisfactory as regards the attack.

Gurbachan Singh, at inside right, accomplished some useful work, but on the whole the passing movements of the forwards were far from fluent, partly because of the stout "Y" defence, which hit cleanly.

To begin with, these Saturday games are a crazy idea. Firstly because it is impossible to field a full Interport XI as some of the better players are engaged either at cricket or football league fixtures, and secondly because the players that participate in them are not going out as next morning they are to be in trim for tough League matches.

As the evenings are becoming longer, it would be advisable to have these practice games during the week, when a full side can be fielded.

Lapses in Attack

VETERAN GUEST, as leader of the attack, was slow, and Parker, at inside left, though neat with his passing, did not impress as far as speed was concerned. Brown made quite a useful left winger, and doubt if anyone could replace him in that position.

The G. Singh-Smith combination on the right flank was a failure. The latter was never in position for the accurate passes which went his way, and his anticipation was poor. The former was never sure of himself and was too well marked by Waldron to be dangerous.

In view of the poor displays given by Smith and Li Ross in the recent trials, I would like to nominate Li Ross, of the Rajputana Rifles. He is tall and has a hefty hit and is very fast on the wing. I would also suggest the inclusion of Ernie Fowler as inside left. These players, in my estimation, will speed up the attack. My forward line would then be Brown, E. Fowler, G. Singh, Guest and Li Ross (left to right).

Sound Defence

A PART from M. H. Hassan, who was seen at centre half in place

RECREIO CRICKET

The following will represent Club de Recreio Juniors in a League Cricket match against Craigengower Juniors on Saturday at Happy Valley, at 2 p.m. P. M. N. de Silva, H. A. Barros, Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, A. A. Remedios, J. A. Soares, B. T. Cosano, A. H. Remedios, L. A. Remedios.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAM
The following will represent Y.M.C.A. team at hockey against Signals at 2 p.m. today at King's Park—V. M. Benwell, J. Whitburn, H. B. Jordan, H. W. Smith, L. P. Coombes, J. K. Gilchrist, L. W. Macay, H. G. Spence, L. W. Ure, H. Banks.

SWEETSTAKE YACHTING

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 6.5 miles resulted:
Yacht Fin Cor Sailed by
Gull 4:18.23 4:18.23 Miss Richards 1
Jewel 4:18.47 4:18.47 R. L. Perrier 2
True Blue 4:20.21 4:20.21 P. C. Manning 3
Arise 4:21.23 4:21.23 A. E. Greene 4
Widgeon 4:24.39 4:24.39 J. E. Doble 5

Random Jottings

Selectors' Dilemma

AS THE SELECTORS nominated 17 players after the trials were held, they now find themselves in a strange predicament with regard to the formation of the Colony attack. With the poor selected material they have in hand it is obvious that two very important positions in attack still remain undecided—these are the right wing and inside left.

I hear from a reliable source that Capt. Kampla Prasad and 2/Lt Ross of the Punjabis, who are now in camp, are doubtful as to whether they may be able to make the trip to Macao.

In these circumstances, the Selectors could call on Li Ross and E. Fowler to fill the vacancies. These two will undoubtedly strengthen the attack and solve the problem.

A further practice game is to be held next Saturday and as some drastic changes must be made I would ask the Selectors to bear these two names in mind.

IT was broadly commented in Police circles last Sunday that U. B. Souza is at present the best goal-keeper in the Colony. After his splendid exhibition for Khalsa against the Police, I don't for a moment doubt the statement.

However, it is interesting to note that there was at least one Selector present at last Sunday's game to witness Souza's fine display.

MACAO, I understand, have suggested a date in April for the coming Interport. As the soccer Interport is to be played on the same day as the hockey, the Hockey Association is reluctant to accept this date, and have, I believe, suggested Sunday, February 23.

I hope Macao will agree to the H.K. proposal, as April is rather too late and the rainy weather might set in.

AT the last meeting of the Umpires Association, it was decided by the Committee that Mr. K. Hussain and Mr. Tyas are to accompany the Interport team as official umpires. The latter will be making his debut as an Interport official, and I wish him the best of luck in his non-easy task.

H. L. OZORIO is mentioned in Portuguese circles as being very fortunate to be selected for the Interport. One must not for a moment underestimate his capabilities. He might not have secured a position in his Club team, but his two displays in the trials gave the Selectors food for thought.

It is just how one shapes in the trials, and "Ozo" did his stuff, as far as the Selectors were concerned.

Better Back Division Gives Club Rugby Win

LEADING 3-0 AT the interval, a fairly strong Club A team trounced Navy A a goal and three tries (14) to nil in a rugby game on the Club ground yesterday.

Club had a vastly superior back division which made all the difference, Honeywill being the only Navy back to give anxiety. Wilson was reliable at full-back but was beaten by superior speed and he lacked defensive support in front. Gracie was fairly dangerous at right-wing until he injured his knee and retired shortly before the interval.

Laville, who appeared for the Service side, found conditions against him and his tackles rarely came off. Richards, who played on the other wing, was poor, but both Rutherford and Gallagher (scrum-half) played well, Gallagher in particular relieving with excellent kicking to touch. Of the forwards, King was again the live wire and together with Winter, Watson and Flynn formed the backbone. They were seen in several splendid rushes which were nullified only by splendid defensive work by Clemo and Thomson.

Wilson, full-back for Club, played a useful if unorthodox game and relieved pressure on several occasions by timely falls. Van Leeuwen played above his usual standard and received splendid support from Aitkenhead whose touch finding was good. Carruthers was the most dangerous of the three and for once his passing was above reproach. His fine turn of speed and body swerve often carried him through for some distance and he was not lacking in support on either flank. Thomson filled the left-wing berth in his usual capable manner.

Many Dropped Passes

Morgan was the weak link in the attack and dropped many passes with the line swinging into action. Clemo was a hard working scrum-half and played behind a sound pack very capably led by Walkden, Castleton, Dunnett, Matthews, Needham and Hynes were all very much in the picture. Needham in particular, being always well up with the ball and scoring a picture try.

Clemo paved the way for the first score when he punted ahead from a scrum on the 25 yard line near the touchline and Needham raced Wilson to the ball for a smart unconverted try. Early in the second half Carruthers burst through from what appeared offside position and scored between the posts for Aitkenhead to add the points and thereafter Navy fell away despite several spirited rushes. Van Leeuwen and Walkden, who were carried over the line by two of their own players, scored further tries.

Seven-A-Side Entries

The following are the entries for the Blaney Stone Rugby Seven-A-Side Tournament, which will be held under the auspices of Hongkong Football Club in aid of charity within the next fortnight:
Hongkong Football Club (two teams); Royal Scots (two teams); Addiscombe Regiment (two teams); Tamar and Small Ships (two teams); 8th Heavy Regt. R.A. (three teams); 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. (two teams); R.U.F.C. (two teams); 8th A.A. Regt. R.A. (two teams); Combined Small Units (two teams); Civil Service; Rutherford and Swire; Jardine Matheson; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Army Service Corps; Royal Engineers; and Medicals (17).

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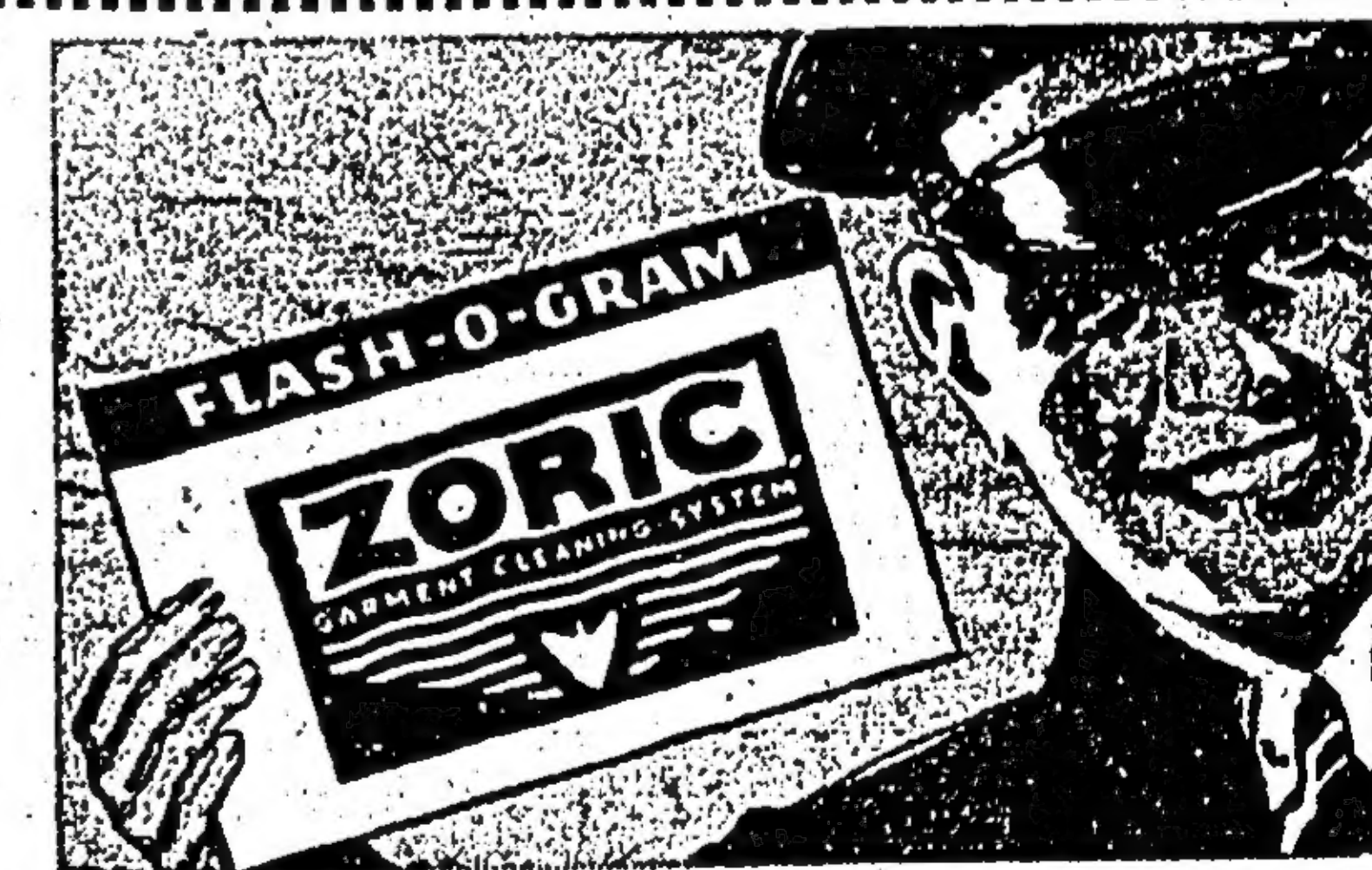
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HITLER ULTIMATUM TO VICHY REPORTED

LONDON, FEB. 5 (REUTER).—HITLER HAS INFORMED VICHY THAT A "COMPLETE AND RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND AND PUT INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY," ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE FRENCH FRONTIER TO "AFI," THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY.

The Vichy Government is understood to be still trying to play for time to avoid a definite "Yes" or "No," but this time the German demands appear to be in the nature of an ultimatum.

No information on to-day's French Cabinet meeting has been forthcoming. The Toulouse radio merely said that it was "very important."

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan will probably return to Paris either during to-night or to-morrow morning, according to well-informed circles in Vichy quoted by the Swiss radio.

NAZI RADIO THREATENS

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting this afternoon to hear Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris, German pressure was again applied through the voice of the Stuttgart radio.

In a broadcast in the French language, the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"If," he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require facilities from France and impose much more severe peace terms."

Darlan Reports

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—The French Cabinet meeting under Marshal Petain to-day lasted two hours, ending at 3.20 p.m. G.M.T.

A communique issued after the meeting, according to the German official news agency, was confined to the statement that "Admiral Darlan reported on the conversations which he had had in Paris during the last few days. Subsequently the Ministers deliberated on general policy."

Why Laval Lost Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Laval lost his post in the Petain Government last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have the

use of the French fleet and to occupy the French naval base at Bizerta, according to information received from Europe and well-informed diplomatic quarters here.

On Laval's return to the Cabinet, it is learned from the same source, Berlin is demanding the fulfilment of the agreement but Petain is unwilling to accede.

Ten Men Burnt To Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5 (UP).

Ten workmen were cremated to-day during a \$50,000 fire which destroyed the third floor department of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Company, which is engaged in turning out contracts amounting to \$2,000,000 for blankets for the army under the defence programme.

Mr. M. E. Ott, of Room 605 Holland House, has reported to the police that between 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. yesterday someone broke into his room and stole bank notes worth \$1,050.

STIMSON CORRECTS A MISTAKE

Manchukuo Policy Of Britain

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—In giving evidence before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on January 29, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the U.S. Secretary for War, made some interesting remarks about the policy of the British Government regarding Manchukuo.

In reply to questions, he said that his book on the subject had been far too widely and sweepingly interpreted as condemnation of the British Government, who had made a long and, to some extent, effective effort resulting in juridical condemnation of Japan by the League of Nations.

He went into this point now only because Great Britain had so many times been mistakenly criticised, with his apparent authority, by people who had not read his book.

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Parcels For Prisoners

Reserve Supply Sent

LONDON, Feb. 5 (British Wire- less).—The active assistance of British firms familiar with packing on a large scale has been secured to carry out a scheme to create a reserve of eight weeks' supply of parcels for British prisoners war in Germany.

The weekly requirements are about 40,000 parcels and the reserve, therefore, will be about 320,000. This large scale has been secured to carry out a scheme to create a reserve of eight weeks' supply of parcels for British prisoners war in Germany.

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S. HONAN BATTLE

Chinese Claim Victories

LAOHOKOW, Feb. 5 (Central News).—Under heavy Chinese pressure large Japanese units engaged in the northward drive in south Honan are retreating south-eastward. Chengyang, a strategic city about 30 miles north-west of Loshan, which was lost on January 26, has been recaptured by the Chinese.

Some 3,000 Japanese to the north-east of Nanyang to the west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, were today heavily attacked by the Chinese. About 700 of them were incriminated while the rest fled to Tanghsu, south-east of Nanyang.

A Japanese unit to the south-east of Wuyang, about 30 miles west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, was annihilated while the Japanese retreating from Yangcheng, 40 miles south-west of Wuyang, are being hotly pursued by the Chinese.

As a result of the counter-offensive in the Taihu regions on the Chekiang-Kiangsu border, the Chinese have recaptured more than ten strategic points and have severely damaged Japanese communication lines. Japanese communication between Chang-hing and Lihing, principal towns on the Taihu banks, has been totally disrupted.

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ADDED BRITISH WAR NEWS

TO-DAY at the KING'S

Britons At Liberty In Paris

Exchange Of Women Difficult

LONDON, Feb. 5 (British Wire- less).—About 2,000 British subjects are still living at liberty in Paris. This was revealed by the Foreign Under-Secretary (Mr. R. A. Butler) replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

"They are able to obtain from the U.S. Embassy sufficient cash up to \$10 per month to enable them to obtain modest board and lodging," Mr. Butler added.

After mentioning International Red Cross arrangements whereby 20-word messages may be sent by a person in the United Kingdom to relatives in occupied France, Mr. Butler said that although the matter was being kept very much in mind, there were grave difficulties in the way of any arrangement for exchange of German women in British hands for British women in German hands.

The Kowloon Police will meet the Royal Army Medical Corps, Army champions, in a return snooker match at Whitfield Barracks, Chatham Road, on Sunday, February 9, commencing at 6 p.m.

In the first encounter between these two teams on January 26, the Police narrowly beat the R.A.M.C. by 655 points to 501.

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Cinema Passes As Raffle Prizes

Pass for one person for one year, Queen's Theatre. Pass for one person for one year, Alhambra Theatre. Approximate value \$300. (General Amusements, Ltd.)

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A total of \$1,571,329.57 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Gloucester Lounge Gramophone Player (January)	\$ 74.00
T. M. (monthly donation)	5
Proceeds of "Funclity" held on February 1st, at the China Pict. Club Theatre per Mr. B. K. K.	203.85
Christopher, Marie & Jennifer Lee (15th donation)	15
Anonymous	500
No. 1 Coy. "K.V.D.C." Dinner (fourth instalment)	60
H.K. C. C. "Ducks and Butter" fingers (fourth donation)	63.57
Anonymous	1,000
Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada "Wayong Philatelists" (third donation)	30
Sale of Vegetables from Mrs. W. P. Leady's garden	18.20
Kowloon Bowling Club (sixth monthly donation)	415
Mr. J. C. Binnendyk (monthly donation)	25
Some Members of the Hongkong Club	66.41
Bowlers, Hongkong Club (second donation)	1,429.22
Mr & Mrs A. P. Pereira (eighth donation)	5
Miss Cecile B. Robinson (sixth donation)	100

A Bridge and Mahjong Drive in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute, under the auspices of the Council. It is understood that over \$350 was collected in the course of the afternoon.

